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Extra car parking planned in revamp

EXTRA car parking spaces will be created as part of a £6 million redevelopment of Dudley's market place.

Ten extra on-street spaces will be offered along Stone Street Square to help attract more shoppers into the town centre. They would be short-stay spots, which would be available for up to an hour, council chiefs said.

Proposals are being drawn up by Dudley Council. A consultation with traders and residents will also take place before the scheme can get the go-ahead.

Transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "We are always looking to maximise on-street parking in the heart of the town centre and with the current market place redevelopment we are taking every opportunity to do this."

"We will continue to consult with shoppers, businesses and traders as we develop the town centre and find ways to create more parking spaces."

Work on the first phase of the market scheme, on Castle Street from the Earl of Dudley statue to the junction of New Street, began at the end of January. This includes the laying of new stonework in Castle Street, which will also be incorporated in the market place later in the development, and work will be completed at the end of May.

Call for beer duty freeze

BREWERY bosses in the Black Country have called on the Government to freeze or cut beer duty in the Budget.

Brewers have said the economic importance of the industry means it is worthy of a tax freeze.

Managing director at Wolverhampton's Marstons, Richard Westwood, has called for a freeze in beer duty, while Alan Preece, from Green Duck Brewery in Stourbridge, said he would like them to go one step further and see it cut for the second year running.

CRIME ALERT ON CAR CATS

OFFICERS are cracking down on crooks who are targeting vehicles for expensive exhaust parts leaving motorists stranded.

More than 70 catalytic converters have been reported as stolen to Dudley Police, between April and December 2013 with thieves targeting a variety of vehicles.

These have included Mercedes Sprinter vans, Kia, Mitsubishi, Ford, Peugeot, Citroen and Hyundai vehicles being targeted.

Precious

Once stolen, the thieves are then selling the converters, which contain precious metals like scrap, while the victims are left stranded and facing a costly repair bill.

In a bid to track the culprits, police are coating the costly converters with a special liquid that links them to the car or van they are fitted to.

Sergeant Corrina Griffiths, from Dudley police station, has organised the initiative codenamed Operation Boscat.

She said: "Between April and December 2013 we've seen a rise in vehicle crime across Dudley with catalytic converters also being stolen.

"We're working hard to target these cat crooks and this operation is just one element of a broad range of tactics we're currently employing.

"The special fluid allows

us to check converters that we find on our routine visits to scrap dealers against crime reports. With all of their customers having to produce photo ID, we can then trace the person who cashed it in."

People who sign up to the scheme will then be referred to one of our garages who will mark the converter, free of charge on a time and date to suit the driver.

People wanting to take advantage of the scheme should email their name, address and phone number on: op.boscat@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

Heartless thieves steal pensioners' TV



Residents Mary Attwood, Ray Box and Tony Pearson, with scheme manager Jo Milner, at Woodhouse Court, Quarry Bank

HEARTLESS thieves broke into a sheltered housing complex and stole a plasma television only purchased by

bosses six months ago.

Elderly people living at Woodhouse Court, Sheffield Street, Quarry Bank, have been left devastated following the overnight raid.

Home manager Jo Milner had spent two years asking Dudley Council for the £1,495 television, but now believes it could be a year before it is replaced.

She said: "The loss of the television is bad enough for the residents but to think someone has broken in here during the night is awful. One could have even come outside in the night

and bumped into these people. It's not worth thinking about what could have happened."

The Panasonic 55 inch television, which had a 3D viewing option, is worth £1,495.

Upset

Miss Milner added: "The residents are obviously upset to see the television gone. It was something they could gather round and socialise while watching. Everyone is disappointed."

The burglary took place overnight on January 29. Cleaner Ray Payne discovered the television had gone when

Anyone with information should call Dudley Police on 101.

Mosque incident accused in court

SIX teenagers will stand trial over a series of racially-aggravated offences and criminal damage to a car near a mosque after they all denied the charges against them.

The six boys, aged from 14 to 17, are accused of a total of 18 charges after worshippers at Bradley Heath Central Mosque in Plant Street were allegedly targeted in October last year.

A 17-year-old is charged with three counts of racially-aggravated assault between October 16 and 24.

Damage

He is also charged with causing criminal damage to a vehicle on October 21.

Two 16-year-olds and a 15-year-old are facing charges of racially-aggravated assault and harassment and criminal damage to the same vehicle.

Another 15-year-old has been charged with solely criminal damage and a 14-year-old has been charged with racially-aggravated harassment.

Each member of the group of youths pleaded not guilty to each of the charges put before them at Sandwell Magistrate Court on Monday.

The teenagers will stand trial at the court in Oldbury on April 29.

Man dies in blaze horror

A MAN who died in a fire he started at his family home on Saturday has been named as Brian Franklin.

Police continue investigations into the arson attack in Wood Street, Dudley, from which Mr Franklin's wife and two children, aged nine and 15, escaped.

The 42-year-old mechanic, who was seen by neighbours dousing petrol over his partner, died at the scene. Police have described his death as "unexplained". Reports of gunshots are being investigated.

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NEWS

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



A READER inquires: "The Leaning Tower of Pisa. Is it a listed building?"

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THE demure lilac sweater, neatly cropped hair and hint of lip gloss for the charm offensive on American TV were well chosen. Amanda Knox: guilty until proven guilty.

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GREG Barker, the energy minister, says middle-aged people should buy solar panels because they are a better investment than a pension. Well, that depends. In these stormy times, I can pretty well guarantee that the thing that has just flown off your roof, and landed with an expensive crash in your garden, is not your pension.

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CIVIL engineering is a big, bold, blokey profession, railways are romantic and Cornwall is steeped in lore and music. In the good old days, repairing the storm-wrecked railway line at Dawlish would have taken years and generated enough folk songs to fuel a thousand pub crawls. The current estimate for this epic repair is six weeks. Such is progress. Take your finger out of your ear and put away that banjo.

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AUF wiedersehen, Aidan Burley. The Tory MP for Cannock has agreed to quit before next year's General Election. It was the only possible ending. The tragedy is that Burley showed such promise. He was Oxford-educated and a hard-working local MP. So brilliant and yet so stupid. If he had been merely on the fringes of the infamous Nazi-themed stag party in a French ski resort, as he first claimed, Burley might have survived. But when it emerged he had actually organised the party and provided the SS-style uniform, his political career was kaput. One newspaper even found an old photo of his fiancee at another fancy-dress party - with another bloke in German uniform. Burley raged that this was "gutter press personified," which is the sort of language politicians tend to use just before they clear their desks.

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ONE of the week's more surprising discoveries was that a dog can eat an Aston Martin. Royston Grimstead returned to his Somerset home to find his collie/spaniel cross, Luce, had chewed the glass fibre wheel arch of his DB9. He believes the dog may have guessed her owner was thinking of finding a new home for her and got her retaliation in first. I can believe this. We once had a guide-dog puppy called Georgie who spent her first 10 months as a family pet at Chateau Rhodes before being taken away, in a flood of tears and much howling, to begin her training. On her last night with us, Georgia tried to eat a Welsh dresser.

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EDUCATION Secretary Michael Gove says state schools should admit two-year-olds and stay open 10 hours a day. To what end? Schools already have our children for at least 12 years and yet a fifth of school leavers are illiterate, innumerate or both. When it comes to teaching time, the issue is not quantity but quality.

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YOU are heir to the throne. Dabbling in politics is forbidden. So what do you say when you feel strongly about an issue but must not get too involved? Simple. You use the wonderful line from the 1989 TV drama House of Cards, as delivered by the villainous chief whip Francis Urquhart, brilliantly played by Ian Richardson. I bet those 10 little words had been echoing around Prince Charles's head for the past 25 years, simply aching for a suitable moment. It came this week as HRH toured the flooded Somerset Levels. A reporter asked whether the Environment Agency had not done enough. Quick as a flash and word-perfect, Charles replied: "You might very well think that; I couldn't possibly comment." Cometh the hour, cometh the quote.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Islamic education centre is proposed

AN Islamic education centre which would play host to classes teaching the Qur'an and work with nearby schools will open at the site of a empty pub, under new proposals.

The Old Bell at Lye pub, in Lye, would be transformed in plans unveiled by a charitable trust known as the Islamic Community and Education Centre.

Centre officials have purchased the boarded up pub, in Chapel

Street, to create a community venue to host a range of 'lifestyle studies and personal development programmes'.

Rashid Aziz has submitted the proposals to Dudley Council's planning development on behalf of the Islamic Community and Education Centre organisation.

The application is for a change for use to allow the conversion from a pub to community centre.

The group say no facilities currently available and therefore decided to create their own at the pub, off Lye's High Street.

Weekly Arabic and Qur'an classes will be held for adults and children at the centre if planning permission is granted for the scheme.

In plans submitted with the application, Mr Aziz says they want to raise awareness of cultural diversity with schools through assemblies

and organising lectures and seminars.

A document Mr Aziz submitted as part of the planning application said: "As a charity we have been looking for suitable premises to purchase to base our services and activities from. We believe that this building is at the heart of the community we are serving.

A decision will be taken in the coming weeks.

Relief as OAP bus subsidy is saved

PENSIONERS and campaigners have spoken of their relief after subsidised tram and train travel was spared the axe but they will continue to lobby over King and Ride services.

This is despite partial climbdown by transport bosses over their proposed cuts. Centro has announced that free tram and train travel for pensioners and disabled people is to be spared the axe despite drastic funding cuts.

U-turn

The West Midlands transport authority is also preparing to make a U-turn on proposals to increase ticket price children's bus fares to two-thirds.

Councillors on Centro are set to meet this week and will then vote on a budget which will see £7 million cut over the coming year.

Ring and Ride will still lose most of its Sunday services while the 60p fee for the service will be increased to £1 from April.

The organisation had originally considered scrapping its funding for Ring and Ride altogether, which could have saved it £10m, but has instead proposed reducing its funding to £8.5m.

Energy price fairness call

ENERGY companies should stop penalising people who pay by cash, cheque or meter, a Dudley candidate for the General Election has said.

Natasha Millward wants companies to stop using how people pay for energy determining how much they pay. Those who pay by Direct Debit get a better deal.

Dudley South Labour candidate Miss Millward said: "Energy costs are rocketing sky high. People on pre-paid meters will never be able to get the cheapest tariff. This is price discrimination against our poor and vulnerable."

Car flipped over

A WOMAN in her 20s had a lucky escape after her Mazda car flipped onto its side in Worcester Lane, Pedmore, at around 8.30pm on February 6. Stourbridge watch commander Simon Towers said, after being helped out, she was seen by paramedics but had no obvious injuries.

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Mayor's praise for 999 first responders

VOLUNTEER medics who help attending emergency 999 calls have been commended at a special reception.

Community first responder charity FastAid Black Country was invited to attend an event led by the Mayor of Dudley.

The self-funded charity was honoured at Dudley Council House by Councillor Alan Finch who expressed his admiration for their work.

Community first responder volunteers are trained to attend emergency calls received by the ambulance service and provide potentially lifesaving treatment until the ambulance arrives.

As they live locally, first responders are often the first on the scene and can take immediate action.

In the last 12 months the 57 FastAid Black Country volunteers attended more than 1,000 emergency callouts made to the West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Councillor Finch said: "It was an honour to meet volunteers from FastAid."

He added: "They give up their spare time to literally save local people's lives and I am in awe of their dedication."

Heathens to get club shop

THE Cradley Heathens speedway team is to open a club shop selling merchandise.

They have teamed up with T-shirt printers Printworks in Quarry Bank to start the new store.

The partnership comes after the National League team's supporters' club stepped down from its responsibility for club merchandise. The shop will be in High Street.

Heathens chairman Nigel Pearson said: "This is a great opportunity for the club to have a presence in Quarry Bank, close to the old stadium."

Ambassadors

SPORTING heroes are among those appointed ambassadors for the Midlands Air Ambulance charity. Neil Black, Jane Sixsmith, Mickey Bushell, Zac Purchase, David Stone, Ricky Balshaw, Ryan Cockbill and Katrina Hart are the latest recruits for the charity based in Lye.

Classroom worker in £76k benefit fraud

A CLASSROOM assistant who stole £76,000 in a benefits fraud over nine years, to pay her bills and fund her husband's alcohol addiction, has walked free from court.

Phyllis Skelding claimed the cash from 2004 until last year when the crime was uncovered. It happened while she was working at St Mark's Primary School in Brierley Hill.

Skelding had filled out forms on behalf of her partner, who had been declared unable to work, and then got him to sign the paperwork.

She was working part time, about 30 hours a week, and her monthly wage was in excess of £700 sometimes towards £800 per

month. The claims came to light last year and when questioned in interviews she admitted her wrong doing and said 'life wasn't easy'.

Admitted

Mr Stuart Clarkson, prosecuting, said: "The defendant has fraudulently received £75,231 in incapacity benefits and £639 in housing tax benefit. She is not the claimant, it is her husband, but she had completed the paperwork."

"She was working part time, about 30 hours a week, and her monthly wage was in excess of £700 sometimes towards £800 per

month. The claims came to light last year and when questioned in interviews she admitted her wrong doing and said 'life wasn't easy'.

Miss Steers said that Skelding hadn't lived a lavish lifestyle and had been paying £75 a week to her partner who was dependent on alcohol.

"Mrs Skelding hasn't spent this money on luxury items," she said. "She hasn't turned up to court with an expensive handbag. She didn't spend the money on her car because she doesn't own one and she didn't go on expensive holidays because she doesn't own a passport."

"She was using the money to live. Mrs Skelding had numerous loans from companies to pay so. She was paying £75 to her husband to fund his alcohol dependence. The money from her husband's benefits put food on the table."

Skelding, of Mullet Street, Brierley Hill, had pleaded guilty to two charges of benefit fraud at Dudley Magistrates' Court.

Recorder Mr Michael Burrows QC spared her jail, sentencing her to 32 weeks suspended for 12 months. She must also carry out 80 hours of unpaid work and complete a benefit fraud intervention course. She will also be supervised for 12 months.

Estate parking permits to be tested near hospital

A RESIDENTS' parking permit scheme could be rolled out to tackle complaints about cars clogging up streets around Russells Hall Hospital.

People living near the hospital have long complained about visitors and staff parking in their streets to avoid paying to park at the hospital.

Dudley Council announced it will offer a 12-month residential permit parking trial in 13 streets in the Holly Hall estate near to the hospital, but only if more than 80 per cent of residents agree to pay for it. If the pilot scheme is rolled out, permit parking bays will be introduced along the streets and residents asked to pay £95 each for a year-long permit, or £190 for two.

Ticket

Any motorist who parked their car in a bay without a permit would risk a ticket.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin has campaigned with residents for work to be done to improve the parking situation on the estate. He said: "I believe the long term solution to this is for the hospital to offer free parking to visitors and staff. The reason people are parking in the streets is because of the parking charges."

Deborah Cox, from Cats Protection, said: "Volunteering for Cats Protection is a fun and rewarding experience, whether people have a skill that would benefit the charity or would like to develop new skills by taking on a fresh challenge. Our volunteers gain a great deal of satisfaction helping cats get a second chance in life. We work hard to match people's skills, interests and time availability to the roles on offer so if people are able to contribute, they should please get in touch."

Transport boss Councillor Khurshid Ahmed said: "We have been looking for solutions to help with on-street parking in the roads around the hospital for some time."

School pupils star in church video



The choir and musicians at Jessons Church of England Primary School performing for the camera

CAMERAS have been rolling at a primary school which has been chosen to star in a video showcasing a day in the life of a Church of England school.

Pupils at Jessons CE Primary School in Dudley showed off their talents with singing and music for the film. There were performances from the choir and solo singers accompanied by teachers on musical instruments.

The children's lessons and school assembly was also captured by the film crew.

Teacher David Jackson said the school, which has around 650 pupils, was chosen from a shortlist of 60 from across the country.

"They wanted to film a day in the life of a Church of England school. They chose ours as the best example of a modern Church of England school.

Ours is very diverse because we don't just have Christian children, we have a range of a religious and pupils of no religion," he said.

"We were really pleased to have been selected for the video, especially

as there were so many schools on the shortlist. It was a really enjoyable day and they got some nice footage. We're looking forward to seeing the finished video. It will be on YouTube as well as the Church of England website."

The video will be screened on the church website to coincide with Education Sunday this weekend.

The national day, which has been marked every year since 1878, is a celebration of education. It is traditionally held on the ninth Sunday before Easter.

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NEWS in brief

Council tenant handbook online

COUNCIL tenants will be more informed about their rights and responsibilities thanks to an updated handbook.

The revised Dudley Council tenants' handbook is available for download for existing customers, following its launch this month.

The guide contains useful information on rent, repairs and maintenance, how to become involved in the running of estates, service standards and housing options. It is available at www.dudley.gov.uk

Victim support in call for help

A CHARITY which supports witnesses in criminal courts has launched an appeal for more volunteers.

The West Midlands branch of Victim Support Witness Service and Outreach Service needs people who can give up one day of their week. The charity will provide training and expenses.

Manager Hayley Hale said: "We have volunteers from every walk of life and value life experience as well as the ability to listen and empathise."

Call 0121 2331843.

Press maker is still going strong

ONE of the UK's leading providers of mechanical and hydraulic presses is set to mark 65 years of manufacturing in Stourbridge by hitting £1.75m annual sales this year.

Worcester Presses, which employs eight at its Titan Works factory, has enjoyed a surge in demand for its range of machines, across the UK, Europe and in Egypt.

Island life topic at history talk

AN illustrated talk looking at the history, scenery and buildings of some of the smaller islands around Britain will be given by Keith Cattell on March 13 at Wordsley Green Community Centre at 7.30pm. £2 for visitors. Tales of the fashions and music from the 1950s will be told by John Billingham on April 10 at the same venue.

Appeal over death

AN appeal has been made to trace the family of John Anthony Lehane, aged 68, died on January 8 at his home in Castle Street, Dudley. Coroner Robin Balmain wants people to call 0845 352 7490.

NEWS FEATURE

IN MY VIEW

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MARK
ANDREWS

At long last, the financial comparison website Go Compare has finally latched onto the fact that a novelty Welshman with a silly moustache warbling on about car insurance for years on end can eventually become a tad irritating.

The company's new ad campaign sees the tubby, annoying singer having found his true vocation in life, behind the wheel of a bus.

But you have to say, it is an interesting choice of background music.

Were they aware that The Green, Green Grass of Home is a song about a man heading for the gallows? Maybe it's just a bit of wishful thinking...

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ACCORDING to Copenhagen Zoo's website, its aims are to be known 'for its ethical standards', to be 'respected for its high standards and quality regarding the keeping of animals', and 'be actively involved in the international efforts to preserve animal species'.

This is the same zoo which at the weekend shot a healthy young giraffe rather than see it transferred to another zoo, and then chopped it up in front of an audience of schoolchildren, before feeding it to the lions.

But while the Danish definition of ethical treatment of zoo animals might be a little different to ours, it is good to know that there are some moral codes which are rigidly adhered to.

For example, it is a criminal offence to eat raw bacon in the event of a full moon. And saying that your wife is uglier than her mother carries a 12-month prison sentence.

So let's get this right.

An undercooked bacon buttie or a bit of marital disharmony is a total no-no, but hacking up a graceful, gentle creature with a meat cleaver is viewed as a bit of wholesome family entertainment.

What strange people.

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SO White Dee, the matriarch of Channel 4 documentary series Benefits Street, has reportedly been offered £60,000 to appear in the next series of I'm A Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!

Even more bizarrely, one newspaper report claims the, ahem, larger-than-life character has been offered a further £20,000 to pose topless.

Presumably, that must be an A3 centre spread.

Meanwhile, two other dysfunctional residents, former benefit cheats Mark and Becky, have now decided to turn their hands to a spot of free enterprise, selling their autographs on eBay.

Do you still think that they are poor, misrepresented victims who were conned into taking part in the show?



Chris Powdrill loads up blood on his motorcycle



Chris Powdrill leaves the Princess Royal Hospital



Ben Wilkes ensures that everything is in place

Blood bikers' gift of life to patients

They are now out on the streets with the mission to help those in need as CLARE DUNN explains

THEY are bikers – but not as you know them.

These motorcyclist enthusiasts are blood bikers – and their mission is to carry the gift of life to those in need.

The Shropshire and Staffordshire Blood Bikes will become a familiar sight on the region's roads.

Blood Bikes is a new emergency volunteer service for the out-of-hours delivery of blood and other medical items, such as breast milk for premature babies and microbiological samples, using specially-equipped motorbikes.

It operates 24/7, providing emergency transport every night, at weekends and over bank holidays.

It is funded by donations and is free of charge to the NHS.

Chris Powdrill is chairman of the service and a qualified SSSB rider.

Motivated

The 71-year-old, from Market Drayton, said: "Blood bikes sprouted along mainly the south coast and the Home Counties.

"It has gradually spread over the years and Shropshire and Staffordshire are one of the last to get a group formed. It started in June last year when a meeting was first held in Telford. From then we have grown in number.

"At the moment we are looking at somewhere around the 50 mark for members and they come from all walks of life like myself, who are retired, and there are some in full-time employment who are giving up their spare time to do it.

"They are mostly motivated by wanting to put something back into the community. It is not that we want to ride



Andy Harris, Chris Powdrill, Ben Wilkes and Mike Chebsey prepare for transport

bikes all over the place, although we enjoy riding bikes, it is more that something has touched us along the way and we want to give something back to the community."

He added all of the organisation's manpower was currently voluntary and the greatest need was a steady stream of income to cover the running costs of equipment, bikes, clothing and protective covers for boxes.

"That enables us to deliver the service free of charge to the NHS.

"That is the key aim of the group," he explained. When they receive a call, the

bikes all over the place, although we enjoy riding bikes, it is more that something has touched us along the way and we want to give something back to the community."

"We will then pick up whatever has got to be moved and take it to the destination point," says Mr Powdrill.

The service will save the NHS up to £300 a trip as it will do away with the need for hospitals to use commercial couriers and even taxis out of hours.

Mr Powdrill, who has been biking since he was 16-years-old, says: "Any-

thing that you can do to help the NHS at the moment is actually helping your own community."

At present the Shropshire and Staffordshire Blood Bikes has two bikes and the aim is to raise enough money to eventually have six.

The service works on a rota. The controller takes the call and notifies the duty rider who is on call working 7pm until 6am.

All volunteer riders have passed an Advanced Motorcycle Test and are all independently assessed by an ex-police motorcycle instructor before being qualified to ride for the Blood Bikes service.

Another blood biker is ex-Staffordshire policeman Ben Wilkes, 58, of Ru-

geley.

He spent many of his policing years in the Lichfield and Burton areas.

He said: "For me, doing what we do means we can continue to enjoy that passion of motorcycling.

"But for me as well, I have spent much of my life doing things in a voluntary capacity and I get so much satisfaction out of it, it is immeasurable."

Benefit

Sheila Fryer, business manager for pathology at The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, said: "We're delighted Blood Bikes is launching in the Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin area and that our patients will be able to benefit from this."

"Rapid response for the transport of urgent blood and other specimens is vital and our partnership with Blood Bikes will help us ensure they are processed in a timely and effective manner."

Shropshire and Staffordshire Blood Bikes is being launched at RAF Cosford tomorrow with special guests four times World Superbikes Champion Carl Fogarty and ex-British champion James Whitham.

Anyone who is wanting to find out more information or wanting to raise funds for the SSSB should visit <http://shropshireandstaffordshirebloodbikes.wordpress.com/>

THROUGH THE YEARS

1984

CONTROVERSIAL satire show Spitting Image sparked outrage among MPs over a new puppet portraying 19-month-old Prince William as a petulant, bawling brat.

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TRIUMPH was to become the latest famous British motoring name to pass into the history books. British Leyland announced that the Triumph Acclaim, a version of the Honda Ballade built under licence at Longbridge, would be the last car to bear the name. A new generation of the car, based on the latest Ballade, was due to start production later in the year, but would be badged as a Rover. The Triumph Cycle Co dated back to 1897, and began building cars in the 1930s.

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A HOME defeat to Southampton in front of a crowd of less than 10,000 left Wolves rooted to the foot of the First Division, a massive 11 points off safety. Birmingham City, Leicester and West Bromwich Albion occupied the three places immediately above.

1994

MICHAEL Barrymore was named Showbusiness Personality of the Year by the Variety Club charity at a lunch at London's Hilton Hotel. The comic, who attended the award ceremony with his wife Cheryl, had just clinched a £200,000 deal.

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JAPANESE car giant Honda announced the end of its 15-year partnership with the Rover Group, following the controversial sale of the British car manufacturer to German rival BMW. Honda held a 20 per cent stake in the company that used to be known as British Leyland, and had offered to increase its shareholding to 48 per cent. But the Japanese company reacted furiously to news that BMW had bought an 80 per cent holding.

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ALLIED Carpets national headquarters in West Bromwich was to close, with the loss of 300 jobs, following a takeover by rival chain Carpetland.

2004

A COUPLE'S romantic night away proved too hot to handle when their scented candles started a fire at an hotel. Guests at the Holiday Inn at Great Barr had to be evacuated after the candles set light to curtains and a bedside table.

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TROUBLED Walsall footballer Paul Merson was ruled out of action for a month after he left the country for help with his addictions. The 35-year-old former Aston Villa and England star had joined the Saddlers the previous summer.

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Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding

area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people

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There was £550 donated in our house-to-house collections in Wombourne with a further £2,579 at our static collections at Ashwoods Garden Centre, Sedgley Co-op and at Sainsbury's of Wombourne.

ROY CLEAVER
President

Labour's record in power

IT is to their credit that most of the senior ministers of the last Labour Government have admitted to their disastrous mistakes during their time in office, i.e. selling off our gold reserves in return for the fated Euro; the disastrous handling of the banking sector; the immigration fiasco; identifying our future shortage of power generation but doing nothing about it; not to mention the neglect of our car manufacturing and selling off our iron and steel industry.

Yet the Member of Parliament for Dudley North Mr Ian Austin, seems to be oblivious to all of this as he, tiresomely, makes his hypercritical comments on the present Government who, it seems, are achieving success in improving our country's economy.

A little more humility from Mr Austin wouldn't go amiss.

I am not a Tory, Labour or Lib-Dem voter.

T CROFT
Wall Heath

LETTERS to the Editor

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Climate change is destined for the bin

REGARDING the letter from R Taberner, I do not think you will find that extreme weather events are more frequent. The Prime Minister would like to think we can blame them on climate change so he can tax us excessively. Climate scientists would be all out of a job if they couldn't produce any evidence, however fatched.

I gather the Arctic icecap is rather substantial and it looks as though the Antarctic midsummer is still cold enough to leave shiploads of tourists trapped in ice for days.

The so-called problem is blamed on carbon dioxide but they don't tell us that this gas which is vital for all

life on earth, is present on the atmosphere at less than one twentieth of one per cent. As 'global warming' has now been swept under the carpet to join 'acid rain' and the 'ozone layer', let us hope 'climate change' is soon to join them in the dustbin of history.

I do agree that we must rethink energy policies.

First of all, abandon those useless windmills. Then ignore the EU directives to close perfectly operational conventional power stations and get new nuclear power stations built soon, preferably by British firms. Or else the lights will go out!

A WILKINS
Buttermere Close
Brierley Hill

If George Osborne can afford to give the people of Syria £600m then the least he can do is match that amount to provide aid for the people devastated by the recent weather conditions and flooding in Great Britain.

It is about time our Government looked after the people who pay their wages and get our own house in order before giving away such large amounts of money.

We need a Government who will get us back on our feet, not get us deeper in debt.

C GWILLIAMS
Brierley Hill

LETTERS

Listen to the farmers

THERE will always be those who refuse to accept that anything is going wrong with the climate. But the words of those affected by the floods are more powerful than any statistics. Time and again, they say that they have never known the like in their lifetimes.

The farmers in the Somerset Levels, the tourist-dependent businesses in Cornwall and West Wales, firms that depend on their links to the rest of the country, all know their future is in jeopardy. Small wonder that farming has one of the highest incidences of suicide.

The poor drainage due to the rivers not being dredged does not explain the battering that the coast has received on the unprecedented level of rainfall.

R TABERNER
Tividale

Help flooding victims first

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CLUB NEWS**Silence in
memory of
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WOLLASTON E TWG

CHAIRMAN Jean Latham opened the January meeting with a welcoming 'Happy New Year' to the 50 members and three visitors who were in attendance.

A minute's silence was observed for Maureen Taylor, a former member who had served on the committee.

The secretary then read out the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly passed. Members were informed that all minute books were available for their perusal at all guild meetings. Thank you letters had been received from neighbouring club members who had attended the Christmas party, expressing their enjoyment of the evening.

The Federation is organising a St George's Day event in Wollaston Village Hall on April 23. A lunch visit to the College of Food in Birmingham has been arranged on March 18.

Proceeds from the carol service and Christmas party amounted to approximately £160 and will be divided and sent to the cancer unit of Birmingham Children's Hospital and Acorns Children's Hospice.

Clive Garner gave an interesting and amusing talk on the art of painting on silk, fascinating members as he actually worked on a painting during his talk.

Raffle prizes went to Joy Heath and Margaret Gregory and the competition was won by Shirley Horne and Madeline Dunn.

Hedgehog lady to address meeting

BILBROOK WI

FOLLOWING the usual business and the singing of Jerusalem, president Julie introduced the speakers for the month, Annette and John Christophers from Albrighton Pottery.

John gave a very interesting talk on the history of clay before Annette then gave a demonstration on how to make a clay disc with her initials on and a flower motif.

Every member was given a piece of clay to do the same but the motif was to represent a hobby. Annette then transformed all the discs in to one large terracotta pot showing all the members' initials on the outside. Annette said they would take it back with them and 'fire' it, then it could be collected free of charge.

The April meeting will be on the second Monday, the 14th from 2-4pm, and the speaker will be 'the Hedgehog' Lady Joan Lockley of the West Midlands Hedgehog Rescue Centre.

Entry is £2.50 to include light refreshments.



Hedgehog lady Joan Lockley will be guest speaker

Outings discussed by group

MY TIME OVER FIFTIES

using local coach companies. MyTime Over Fifties meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Amblecote room at Stourbridge Town Hall at 2pm.

The next meeting will be on February 26 when Mr Roy Peacock will be speaking. His subject is The Queen's Jubilee Maundy Money. For more information call Audrey 01384 864223 or Graham 01384 393483

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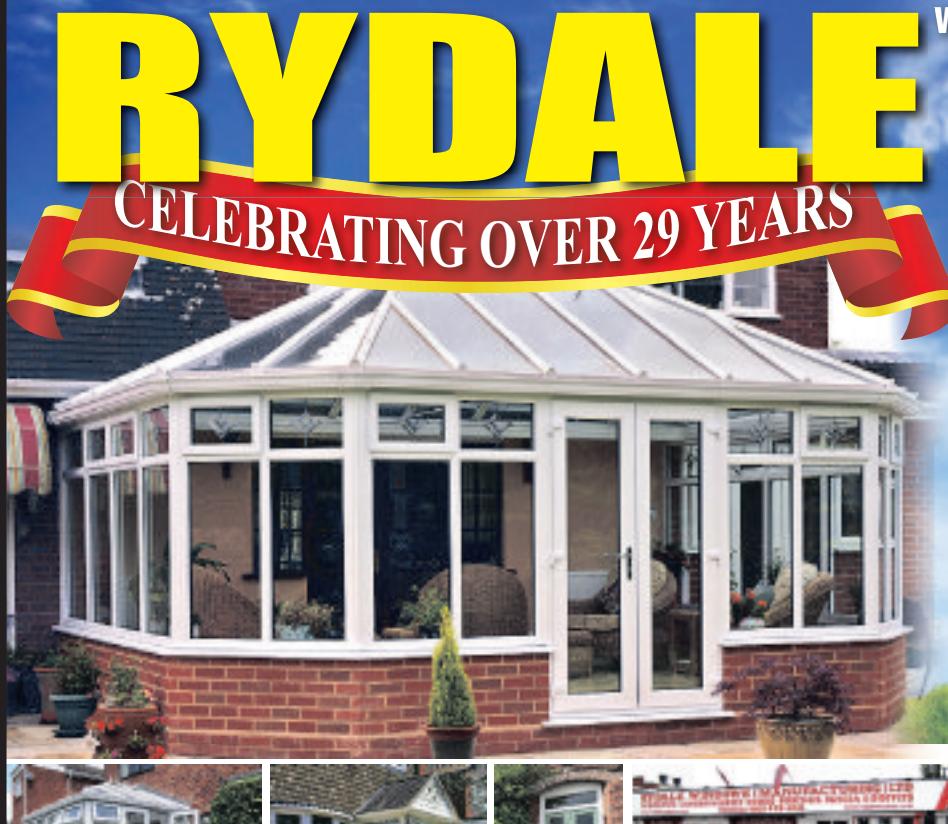
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NEWS

Wanted man seized in rooftop stand-off

THIS was the moment one of the West Midlands' most wanted men was arrested as police descended on a Black Country street.

Officers were called to Bridge Street, Tipton, in an effort to find a different suspect who was wanted for stealing a van from a pub car park in Tipton last month.

They arrested a 25-year-old, but a second man, 34-year-old Gavin Reilly, was also found at the scene.

Police say he was wanted for a series of robberies at shops and petrol stations across the Black Country where cigarettes were stolen.

Tiles

He allegedly climbed onto a roof and threw tiles at officers on the ground before they talked him down. He was arrested on suspicion of robbery and taken into custody.

A police helicopter was also involved in the operation which took place on Saturday morning.

Susan Whittaker, 54, of Toll End Road, said: "I've never seen anything like it. It was completely out of the blue."

"One minute there were just a few people milling about and then all of a sudden out of nowhere came all these police cars. I couldn't see what was happening but they were all crowded around one part of the street. There was a lot of shouting."

"I heard someone had been arrested. I hate to think how long he had been hiding out there."

"It just proves it's no good running from the law, I suppose."

A shop worker in Bridge Road said: "There were about 15 cars there, some vans and some dogs. It all looked very dramatic but no-one really knew what was happening."

Police took to social media site



Police officers approach the suspect on a roof in Tipton

Twitter to label the arrest as 'excellent'.

Traffic officers from West Midlands Police said: "Operations dogs and traffic support in the arrest of West Midlands most wanted, one in custody, extremely arrest."

And the Birmingham branch of the National Police Air Service added: "In

a manner that looked like flying we were blown rather bumbly to Tipton for wanted person on roof who came down as we were overhead."

Pictures were tweeted of the dramatic scene showing several police cars parked in Bridge Street. Residents were shocked to see the large police presence.

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THE WAY I SEE IT

A long way to go but the economic plan is working

I'VE been out canvassing in Kingswinford South with the excellent Councillor Patrick Harley who is also Leader of Dudley Conservative Group.

As ever it has been great getting first hand feedback from residents.

I've welcomed a few visitors to Parliament. I arranged for Paul Maubach, Chief Accountable Officer of Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, to give a briefing to the Dudley borough's MPs on the group's progress and future plans, which was most useful.

I was also pleased to welcome Amy Simmons from Wall Heath and her parents for the 'Postcards from the Edges' exhibition — to promote autism awareness — which Amy successfully entered.

I visited Plyning Catering, a family run catering business in Brierley Hill which has been providing high quality event catering services for over 30 years, to meet with directors Philip and Stuart Matthews.

I also visited Dudley Building Society's new head office next to Merry Hill.

It was great to meet with Anna East, Chairman, and Jeremy Wood, Chief Executive, to welcome the society to its new home at the Waterfront and hear about plans to serve more savings and mortgage customers in Dudley and the Black Country, and South Staffordshire.

**Dudley South
Conservative MP
Chris Kelly takes
the stand in our
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"The number of job vacancies is rising at the fastest rate in more than 15 years"

It's great to have another major local employer coming into the rejuvenating Waterfront and also positive that Dudley Building Society now has room for future expansion from its new base.

Well done to 19-year old Christian Webb for taking the plunge and opening his first business, The Sun Lounge Wall Heath.

I was delighted to visit Christian's newly opened salon on Wall Heath's High Street.

I visited Meridian Metal Trading where Richard Bowyer, Managing Director, showed me their impressive site employing 140 people in Dudley South.

The company has been expanding in recent years,

adding more units at its Netherton base. It was great to visit another growing Dudley firm optimistic about future prospects.

IN THE Commons I made numerous contributions to the second reading of the Consumer Rights Bill and also took part in Treasury Questions, raising improving unemployment figures in the West Midlands with the Chancellor.

The number of job vacancies is rising at the fastest rate in more than 15 years. These positive figures show that, while there is still a long way to go, our long-term economic plan is starting to work.

But the job isn't done. The job isn't done.

That's why we must continue to work through the plan:

1. Reducing the deficit so we deal with our debts, safeguard our economy for the long term and keep mortgage rates low.

2. Cutting income taxes and freezing fuel duty to help hardworking people be more financially secure.

3. Creating more jobs by backing small business and enterprise with better infrastructure and lower job taxes.

4. Capping welfare and reducing immigration so our economy delivers for people who want to work hard and play by the rules.

5. Delivering the best schools and skills for young people so the next generation can succeed in the global race.

Only by sticking to the plan will we see a more secure future for Britain and a more financially secure future for hardworking people, their children and grandchildren.

But Labour have no plan. Their same old policy of more spending, more borrowing and more taxes would mean a less secure future for everyone.

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Call for more female ministers

A TORY MP has urged David Cameron to promote more women to the Government's front bench.

Margot James praised progress made by Mr Cameron since he became Conservative leader in 2005. But the Stourbridge MP, a parliamentary aide to trade minister Lord Livingston, said he needed to go further.

Her comments came after Labour leader Ed Miliband used Prime Minister's Questions to berate Mr Cameron for the lack of women on his front bench.

"We certainly have a long way to go but so do the Labour Party," Miss James said. "There are the same number of women Cabinet ministers in this government as there were in Gordon Brown's government.

"We started later than the Labour Party. David Cameron was the first leader to make a real concerted effort."

Business rate break in bid to revive The Waterfront

MORE than 20 years ago former employment secretary Michael Portillo stood on a canal bridge overlooking The Waterfront business centre in Brierley Hill and hailed the district a 'tremendous revolution' for jobs.

He spoke of the success of a 10-year business rate break offered to new firms at the once-vibrant site and cut a ribbon opening the Waterfront East development, which created a further 2,500 jobs.

But since that high profile visit, the area has

been hit by the economic downturn and the site now stands with more than a third of office space empty following the departure of many major firms including Lloyds Banking Group.

Dudley Council has now unveiled a proposal bosses hope will repeat the success of the Government enterprise zone 20 years ago and reverse the trend of decline.

Bill

The Dudley Business Investment Zone will last for five years and will offer new and expanding firms a two-year break in business rates — with the council and landlords footing the bill

— which could run as high as £550,000. The scheme, which goes to the council's cabinet for approval this week, could create 1,600 jobs at The Waterfront.

Finance boss Councillor Pete Lowe said: "Should this scheme be approved, the economic benefits would increase significantly, with an additional 1,600 jobs coming from the re-opening of the existing site."

The site has 750,000 sq ft of office space with about 2,500 people working there but 300,000 sq ft of office space is empty.

About 40 businesses are located in the complex.

Potholes are to be repaired

POTHOLE repairs will be taking place at a household waste recycling centre.

The normal vehicle entrance to the site in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge will be closed tomorrow from 8am to 6pm.

Traffic will be redirected with signs to the Stamford Road entrance. Once the pothole work is complete the normal entrance will re-open.

Following the re-opening of Birmingham Street, Stamford Road will then be closed so that work on this area can be carried out.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture said: "The site will remain open during these essential works and we hope that residents will be understanding in the change to the access on February 14."

"The pothole repairs will improve the road surface for everyone using the site."

Traders in parking petition



Worried Gaz Khan, front, is pictured with fellow concerned traders in Tividale

A BUSINESSMAN is leading a campaign for restrictions on parking spaces outside his store, which he claims are being blocked up by residents.

Gaz Khan, who runs Lifestyle Express on Tividale Road, Tividale, says traders are suffering because of where residents are parking.

Mr Khan, who has lived in the same street for nearly 30 years, is now gathering a petition calling for Sandwell Council to remedy the situation.

Nothing

He said: "I first approached the council about this issue eight months ago and I have spoken to them about it a few times but nothing has happened.

"The problem is residents are parking in the spaces so there is nowhere for the businesses' customers to park.

Very last chance to nominate for awards

Husband found dead

THERE are only a few days left for people to nominate their unsung heroes for a top civic honour. Community leaders, talented tutors and sports coaches can all be put forward for the Mayor of Dudley's Civic Awards.

Entries have already been winging their way to Dudley Council House but people only have until Monday to get their nominations in ahead of an awards ceremony in April.

Mayor Councillor Alan Finch said: "These awards depend on people getting involved and letting us know who the borough's unsung heroes are. We want to give these people and organisations the recognition they deserve".

There are six categories for business, sport, the arts, community spirit, education and the environment are open for entries. There is also a seventh trophy, the Mayor's Award, which will be announced later this month.

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NEWS

New rules on waiting list

PLANS to change the way a council accepts people on its housing waiting list are set to be considered by cabinet members this week.

Dudley Council is discussing new guidelines issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government which states that residents should live within a borough for a period of at least two years before they qualify to go on the council's housing waiting list. People living in neighbouring authorities for a period of two years or people with a strong local connection may also be accepted.

Here be too many dragons to rescue

HERE be too many dragons – or at least too many bearded dragon lizards being dumped at pet rescue centres.

They are far from cute and furry but these animals are growing in popularity among the country's pet owners.

The surge in interest is causing a headache for rescue centres which have become overrun with unwanted lizards when some owners decide they no longer want to look after them.

The Proteus Reptile Trust in Sedgley has 25 bearded dragon lizards but cannot take any more. It is now having to turn away calls for help from across the country after the latest reptiles came from Wales.

Responsibility

Co-ordinator Amy Taranaski said: "The bearded dragon lizards are becoming very popular but people aren't realising the responsibility which comes with owning one."

"They are being bought but then quickly some owners find they can't look after them or don't have the time any more, so then we get the call."

"This is the busiest we have ever been with the lizards and we need some help re-homing them."

The bearded dragon lizards are kept in aquarium tanks and require an overhead heater and a spectrum light to provide sun rays.

They eat insects and the lizard lives for up to 12 years and grows to about 2ft long.

Miss Taranaski said: "It's important the lizards are looked after carefully to help them grow and prevent them catching illness. It is difficult and people do need to think twice before taking



Amy Taranaski with lizard

on the lizard. We can help by offering advice."

Miss Taranaski is also concerned about the number of unwanted reptiles they cannot look after. She said: "We have to turn some away, and of course you wonder where they go. We are desperate to do our best, but can't bring any more in until we move some of our own on."

Dudley Zoo's registrar of animals, zoologist Dr David Beeston, said: "I have nothing against people keeping exotic pets as long as they look after them properly and obtain them from a reputable source. Before committing to taking on a bearded dragon, people should make sure they research how big it will grow, what to expect and how to look after it."

Youth petition to have a say on the council cuts

YOUTH campaigners are calling for the right to be given a say over how almost £60 million of council cuts are being ditched out.

Dudley Council is currently consulting over plans to slash services across the borough but only those aged 18 and over are allowed to have their say. Now members of Dudley Youth Council have launched a petition for their views to be considered.

So far 750 people have backed their cause and they are hoping to get more than 1,000 signed up.

Youth council spokesman Sam Shepherd, said: "We believe young people deserve a say on the cuts be-

cause it is us they will affect over the future. We are the people who will face the consequences."

The University of Wolverhampton medical student, himself 18, added: "One area we already use is the youth service, and we know this could be lined up for cuts over the next few years. We want our say on why these areas should be saved."

Councillor Pete Lowe, deputy leader and cabinet member for finance, said: "This year's budget consultation has focussed on people of rate-paying age but we will always listen to the views of young people."

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100-year-old Hubert Dunn with wife Muriel, family and friends

India

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family, including his children Stephen, 63, and Helen, and friends at St Michael's Church, Mr Dunn, of Delph Road, said: "When war broke out I had just joined the council. I remember people were horrified by the news. People wanted to continue with their lives as normal."

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gles and rims. She was born in Lye to parents Tom, a miner, and May. She married Arthur, a Stourbridge firefighter, in Lye. Mrs Billingham said: "My husband stayed with the fire service to fight fires caused during the blitz. He went everywhere there were bombs, often to Birmingham. It was a very difficult time."

She now lives at Prestwood Nursing Home.



Centenarian Dorothy Billingham can clearly remember the difficult war years

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Call 999 for the ambulance service

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- May have taken an overdose
- Has severe burns
- Has suspected head or spinal injuries
- Has had a severe allergic reaction

Further instructions will be given over the phone by a specially trained call taker and, if appropriate, an ambulance will be sent.

NEWS

Centenarians recall challenge of war years

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India

Mr Dunn was born the only child to Benjamin and Charlotte Dunn in Brierley Hill. He attended Bent Street School in Brierley Hill and King Edward VI in Stourbridge. At the age of 16, he left school to work for Jury Holloware in Thorns Road, before joining Brierley Hill Urban District Council as a rents officer. Within months war broke out and he enlisted with the RAF. He married wife Muriel, now aged 94, at St Michaels Church in Brierley Hill before leaving to serve as an equipment accountant in India, Malaya and Singapore.

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PUPILS are on the right path after being handed a £5,000 boost by a transport authority.

High Arcal School in Sedgley was given the cash by Centro to create a footpath for pupils to use to get to school.

The money is from Centro's Government-funded Smart Network, Smarter Choices project, which aims to cut carbon, boost the economy and connect residents to jobs.

The new path links the main school entrance in High Arcal Drive with roads to the south, so that students can cut through from their homes without having to do a loop around the building.

Pupils unveiled the pathway and were presented with an award recognising their commitment to greener ways of travelling at a special eco day.

Village road improvements

THE latest phase of a major road improvement scheme in a village near Dudley has started

The High Street in Swindon will be completely resurfaced in a £210,000 scheme due to last two weeks.

Drivers are being warned

that the road will be closed in sections until February 21. Closures will be in place between 9am and 5pm and there is likely to be delays.

Kerbs have already been replaced and pavements resurfaced between Wombourne Road and Reynold's Close as part of the project.

Work is being carried out on Hinksford Road and Himley Road before moving to the

High Street and Wombourne Road.

Staffordshire County Council transport boss Simon Tagg said: "The Swindon scheme will see significant improvements to the road and pavement surfaces in addition to new kerbs.

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Councillor Simon Tagg

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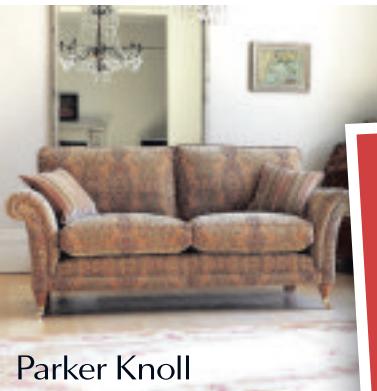
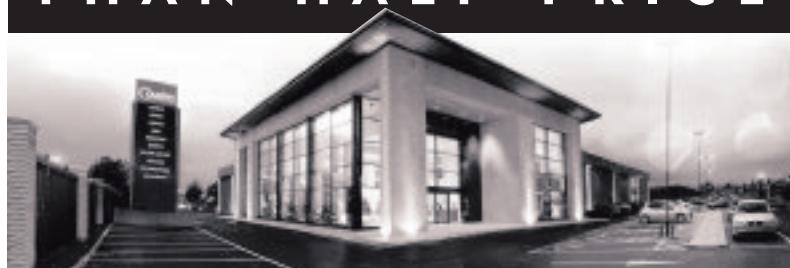
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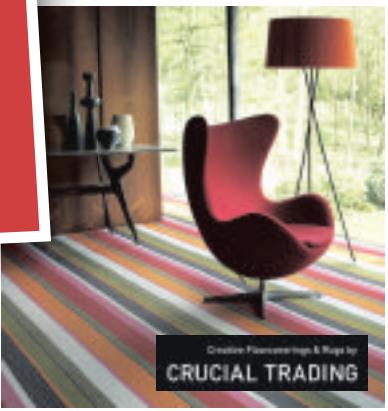
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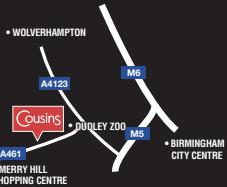
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Norman Catton with Dennis and John Rose at the grave of grandfather, Private James Southall



First World War soldier James Southall from Cradley



The graveyard before work began to clear the war graves



The funeral procession of Sergeant Joe Tyler from Cradley



Sergeant Joe Tyler died of illness caught when serving abroad

Projects bringing stories back from beyond overgrown graves

By Louise Jew

THEY joined up gladly to fight for king and country 100 years ago but 117 men from one small town ended up paying the ultimate sacrifice in the mud-soaked bloodbath that was the First World War.

Now a labour of love by a group of ex servicemen, who have been untangling war graves snarled up by brambles and weeds in St Peter's churchyard, Cradley, is bringing to life the stories of at some of those heroes.

The Cradley men who perished in France, Flanders, Salonika in Greece, and further afield in Gallipoli, Turkey and Iraq, were among almost 900,000 British servicemen killed in the 1914-18 war.

Men like father-of-two Private James Southall, who joined up with

the 2nd Battalion of the Worcester Regiment, enlisting at Dudley near the start of the First World War in 1914. Rowley Regis-born Private Southall, who lived in Cradley, where he went to Colley Lane School, wrote home. He said: "Glad to know the boys of Cradley have turned out very well."

Memorial

But that optimism was short lived. He was killed in action in France on Wednesday August 23 1916, aged 26. Although he is buried in Lonsdale Cemetery, Auchincloch, in the Somme region of France, a beautiful memorial to him has now been uncovered from the vegetation that was smothering it in St Peter's churchyard.

His widow, Dora – left with two little children and working as a chaimaker in the back yard

of their home in New Street – scraped together to pay sixpence a week for that Italian marble memorial stone and that was at a time when a labourer might earn 26 shillings per week. Their son Jesse was killed aged 15 in a factory accident in Old Hill in 1929.

As the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War approaches this summer, around the Black Country, projects have sprung up to make sure there is a fitting tribute to the men who sacrificed their lives.

Members of Cradley and District Ex Service Association have been busy clearing graves at St Peter's, so far uncovering five from the First World War, seven from the Second World War and even one from the Second Boer War.

In Sedgley, a group at All Saints' Church is tracing information about the 70 servicemen

and women on the local war memorial. Members of Wall Heath and Kingswinford War Memorials Research Group has so far pieced together information about 107 of the 112 men from their area known to have served in the two biggest conflicts of the 20th century.

Two historians from Lye are also researching First World War gravestones for a commemorative book to coincide with the centenary of the outbreak of war. Jean Weston and Marlene Price hope to tell the stories of 29 men who fought in the Great War, 15 of whom are buried at Lye and Wollescote Cemetery in Commonwealth war graves.

All of these projects aim to bring to life the stories of these brave men who are long since gone. Cradley-born retired Halesowen College lecturer Peter Barnsley, 79, of Meadow Croft, Hagley, aged 27.

has researched the first military funeral held in Cradley for more than 50 years. It was in 1916, for Joe Tyler, described as a 'nice, quiet sort of chap' who was engaged to be married.

A chorister and Sunday School teacher, Joe volunteered and enlisted in the 3rd Birmingham City City Battalion of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment soon after war was declared. He became a cook, setting off to France in the autumn of 1915. But Sgt Tyler's cooking duties did not protect him from German fire. He was the first man to reach another soldier, Private Bert Coley, of Cradley Heath, who had been fatally wounded.

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NEWS

Choirs unite in concert to help fund charities

TWO of the Black Country's favourite choirs are joining forces to present a Spring Concert in Dudley Town Hall next month.

The Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir and Viva Musica, are both based in Dudley, and both contribute significantly to the local area by their charitable fund raising.

They will be joining forces to perform on Saturday, March 29, at 7.30pm.

The Gentlemen Songsters were presented with the Mayor of Dudley's Award for services to the community in 2013.

As their name suggests, it is an all male choir of about 73 members and was founded in 1957.

The mixed voice Viva Musica choir was founded in Dudley in 1989, and comprises about 70 voices.

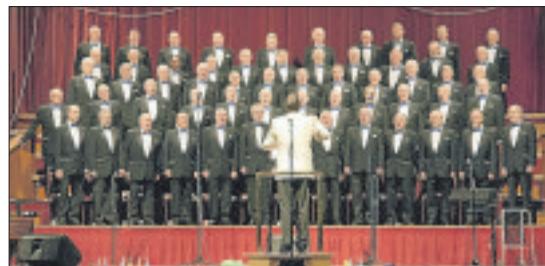
Their combined selection of music includes classical, religious, modern and popular choral music together with items made famous by such artists as Queen, The Beatles, Elvis Presley and there are many other items from the popular West End musicals.

This concert offers a rare opportunity to see the two choirs appear on stage together.

They will perform individual items and a few joint items during the evening, during which the MC will be Michael Collie of BBC Midlands Today.

Proceeds from this concert will be divided between the charities which are being supported in 2014 by the two choirs.

Viva Musica are helping Parkinson's UK and the Gentlemen Songsters are supporting the Mayor of Dudley's Charity Appeal which this year supports White House Cancer Support



The Gentlemen Songsters Male Voice Choir will be raising money



Mixed choir Viva Musica will perform in their own right and with the songsters

in Dudley and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Tickets are priced at £10 and are available from Viva Musica on 01384 371388, the Gentlemen Songsters on 01384 838863, or from Dudley Council Plus on 01383 812812. They are also available online at the www.dudley.gov.uk/entertainment website.

Meanwhile, other forthcoming concerts for the Gentlemen Songsters

include taking part in a massed male voice choir concert at Brierley Hill Civic Hall on June 21, a fundraising concert at Gig Mill Methodist Church in Stourbridge on July 5 and a similar event at Wollaston Free Church on July 11.

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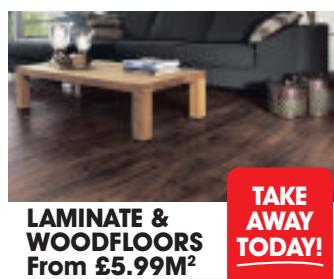
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Councillors Ken Finch, Adam Aston and Keiran Casey at the Mount Table Church war memorial, which they want moved

moved to a new location in time for Remembrance Day this year.

It is the 100th anniversary since the First World War began this year and residents say restoring the memorial to its former glory would be a fitting way to mark the occasion.

Heritage

Members of the Royal British Legion, Woodsetton Charitable Trust and High Arcal School are now working to get the funding needed for the project.

An application for around £15,000 is to be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund. It is hoped another £5,000 will

be raised from other sources.

The memorial stands outside the Mount Tabor Church, Sedgley Road, which has not been in use for a number of years.

There are 30 names on the memorial which was built by public subscription. The names include six men from Woodsetton, three from Parkes Hall and 21 from Swan Village.

Under the plan the cenotaph would be moved a short distance along the road to a larger piece of land where it could be better maintained.

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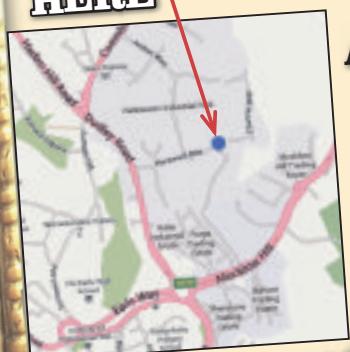
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Water levels and bills rise

WATER bills are on the rise as Severn Trent Water and South Staffs Water have both announced increases, which will come into effect in April.

Average water bills will go up by more than one per cent at a time when wide-scale flooding across the country has forced people to flee their homes.

Chiefs at Severn Trent admitted the bill rise was 'difficult' during the current financial climate, while South Staffs Water insisted they had worked hard to keep prices down.

Homes covered by Severn Trent Water will see bills go up by 1.1 per cent — £3 — to £333 from April, equating to £176 for water and £157 for sewerage services.

South Staffs Water has announced a 1.3 per cent rise in its water bills for 2014/15.

Talk over new owners for Merry Hill shopping centre

LANDMARK shopping centre Merry Hill is in talks to be taken over by a rival retail giant that runs major **Manchester malls**.

Owners Westfield is in discussion with prospective buyers Intu Properties over the future of the iconic centre.

The firm is thrashing out a deal to buy 50 per cent of the Brierley Hill complex, which is home to 290 shops and restaurants, and take over its management.

Intu runs more than a dozen prime shopping centres across the country, including Manches-

ter's Arndale and Trafford centres, and the Metrocentre in Gateshead. It is also in talks to buy another Westfield site in Derby.

Westfield would not comment on the plans but in a statement Intu's board said negotiations were ongoing.

Discussions

"The board of Intu confirms that it is in discussions with Westfield regarding the potential acquisition of its Derby shopping centre together with an equity interest in, and management contract for, Merry Hill in Dudley," the firm said.

"If the acquisition were to proceed, it is likely

that it would be funded through a combination of new debt and equity. However, although discussions are ongoing, there can be no certainty that any transaction will be undertaken.

"A further announcement will be made if and when appropriate."

More than 24 million shoppers descend on Merry Hill every year.

Australia-based Westfield bought it from previous owners Chelsfield in 2004.

It has since introduced more than 100 new retailers to the site and refurbished its shopping malls, while also overseeing a new £24m 1,200-seat food court, called Eat Central.

Sale coins may make a mint

TWO ancients coins are going under the hammer at a West Midlands auction house later this month.

The two coins, one Roman and the other from the reign of Richard III, are set to get collectors in a spin when they go on sale at Cuttlestones Auction Rooms in Wolverhampton on February 28.

The Roman coin marks the reign of the obscure Emperor Laetianus who, following an uprising, reigned for only a few months in AD268. It is expected to sell for between £500 and £700.

The second coin relates to the rule of the much-maligned Richard III, who has recently been dubbed the King in the car park following the discovery of his remains under a Leicester car park.

Viewing will be from 10am to 7pm on February 27 and the morning of the sale.

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Teenaged soldier helps seize guns



Warrior driver Private Callum Noone, aged 19

SOLDIERS from the Black Country and Staffordshire chased across the desert to seize guns, ammunition and drugs from an Afghan rebel.

With a 19-year-old from Rowley Regis driving one of the four Warrior armoured vehicles, they charged after an insurgent. The Quick Reaction Force from a Company of the 3rd Battalion Mercian Regiment received a tip-off that the suspect was fleeing in a tractor with trailer.

They rushed 10 miles across rough ground from their base at Lashkar Gah Durai to cut off his escape route. They found an arms cache and hashish.

Private Callum Noone from Rowley Regis, who was driving one of the Warriors, said: "We were going around 20 mph across rough terrain and it was 15 or 20 minutes before we clocked him."

The former pupil of Heathfields Technical College, who signed up in February 2012, continued: "He was going as quickly as he could but we boxed him in with the four Warriors. We took him back to our base under escort."

Fans and family in farewell to a legend

HE was a great man and a great goalkeeper but Wolves and England legend Bert Williams will be remembered just as much for his humility, generosity and kindness that endeared him to everyone who came into contact with him.

Around 700 family members, friends and Wolves supporters packed St Peter's Collegiate Church in Wolverhampton city centre to pay tribute to him at a special memorial service last week.

Mourners queued to get into the church and heard moving tales of a family man whose charm, modesty and sense of humour never left him. In a reading, television presenter and former Express & Star sports writer Bob Hall described Bert as 'only 5ft 9ins tall but a giant of a man'.

Bert loved words and was a regular writer of poetry. One was read out by his daughter-in-law Tania Williams.

Led by England World Cup winners Gordon Banks and Ron Flowers, players paid their respects.

What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 15.02.14

CHOICE



Emma Willis

The Voice UK

BBC1, 7.10pm
This is the penultimate week of blind auditions and the last few hopefuls need those chairs to spin round more than ever in the hope of becoming one of the stars' respective dozen. Team Kylie's Jai, Ricky recruit Kelsey-Beth, Tom's tuneful hopeful Mairead Conlon and Will.i.am's Jermaine Jackman may all have great voices, but there's no guarantee we'll remember any of them in a few months' time. Let's hope their post-Voice careers are not totally eclipsed by the new X Factor recruits when they debut in August.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast, **10.00** Saturday Kitchen, **11.30** Food & Drink. (R) **12.00** Football Focus, **12.45** Saturday Sportsday, **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Live Athletics: British Grand Prix. **4.30** Final Score, **5.15** Reflex. **6.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.20 Pointless Celebrities. Sport-themed charity, edition, with Martin Hoff and Phil Tufnell, Mark Bright and Martin Peters, Samira Mowlem and Pete Reed, and John Parrott and Hazel Irvine. (R)

7.10 The Voice UK. Emma Willis and Marvin Humes are backstage for the penultimate week of blind auditions, with Kylie Minogue, Will.i.am, Tom Jones and Ricky Wilson looking to bolster their teams.

8.30 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of strangers list as much as they know about given subjects. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws, with Gaby Roslin.

9.20 Casualty. Lily becomes a magician's assistant.

10.10 Mr Brown's Boys. Agnes worries her family is too secretive. (R)

10.40 BBC News; Weather. **11.00 Live at the Apollo.** Comedy sets by Eddie Izzard, Josh Widdicombe and Trevor Noah. (R)

11.45 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games.

1.00 Weatherview. **1.05 BBC News.**

BBC2

12.30 Live Winter Olympics. Further coverage of day eight from Russia. **4.30** Live Winter Olympics. The concluding coverage on day eight in Russia.

7.00 Winter Olympics: Today at the Games. Ice Boulding in the ice bouldering competition day eight in Russia, where seven gold medals were decided in venues in Sochi and Krasnaya Polyana.

8.00 Top Gear. Richard Hammond drives the Ford Focus RS500, the Alfa Romeo 4C, Jeremy Clarkson puts the McLaren P1 hypercar to the test and Thor star Tom Hiddleston drives the Reasonably Priced Car.

9.00 Film: True Grit. (2010) Premiere. A 14-year-old farm girl recruits a hard-drinking, one-eyed marshal to help her track down the man who killed her father. Western, with Jeff Bridges and Hailee Steinfeld.

10.10 QI XL. Rob Brydon, Phillip Jupitus, Cal Wilson and Alan Davies try to come up with interesting answers to some of the most interesting questions about journeys, in an extended version of the quiz.

11.30 Film: The Notorious Bettie Page. (2005) Biographical drama about the life of the controversial pin-up model whose bondage photographs created scandal in the 1950s. With Gretchen Mol.

1.00 Film: Love. (2011) Premiere. Sci-fi drama, starring Gunnar Wright, 2.10pm. It is the second preview of upcoming programmes. **5.00** Live Winter Olympics. Hazel Irvine introduces the opening events on day nine in Russia, featuring live curling, alpine skiing, ice hockey and snowboarding.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Pat & Stan, **6.10** Pat & Stan, (R) **6.20** Pat & Stan, (R) **6.25** Dino Dan, (R) **6.40** Dino Dan, (R) **6.50** Cannimals, (R) **7.00** Cannimals, (R) **7.05** Cannimals, (R) **7.10** Om Nom Stories, (R) **7.15** Sooty, (R) **7.30** The Wiggles, (R) **7.45** Weather. **9.30** Dinner Date, (R) **10.30** Murder, She Wrote, (R) **11.30** ITV News; Weather. **11.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA, **12.35** The Crooked Gentleman, (R) **1.05** The Unforgettable Darlene, (R) **2.05** You Only Live Twice. **4.15** 2012: The Year We Make History, (R) **4.20** Regional Programme; Weather. **4.30** ITV News; Weather.

4.45 Live FA Cup Football.

7.20 Splash! Vernon Kay and Louis Smith prepare for the final, as Perri Kiely, Keith Duffy and last week's two best contestants attempt to dive their way to victory. Last night's winner, (R)

8.50 Take Me Out. A rugby player, a physiotherapist, a gymnastics coach and a drainage engineer try to impress the panel of women and win a date to the Isle of Femmes. Pauline McGuinness presents.

10.05 The Jonathan Ross Show. Jonathan is joined by film star Uma Thurman, actor, comedian and Brit Awards host Niall Horan, and Strictly Come Dancing winner Abbey Clancy. John Newman provides the music.

11.20 FA Cup Football Highlights. Matt Smith presents action from the semi-final round matches, which included Manchester City v Chelsea, Sunderland v Southampton and Cardiff City v Wigan Athletic.

12.30 Jackpot247, 3.00 In Plain Sight, (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen, Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs, (R) **6.35** The Hoobs, (R) **7.00** Trans World Sport. **8.00** The Morning Line, **9.00** Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) **9.30** Frasier, (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory, (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory, (R) **11.00** Meet Your Mother, **11.25** How I Met Your Mother, **11.55** The Simpsons, (R) **12.30** Undercover Boss USA, (R) **1.25** Channel 4 Racing, **4.10** Come Dine with Me, (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me, (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me, (R) **6.45** 5 News Weekend.

6.50 NCIS. The team launches a manhunt with the help of the US Army's Lt Col Hollis Mann, determined to track down a terrorist who is threatening to unleash a chemical attack. (R)

7.35 NCIS. The agents try to track down an arms dealer in possession of the launch codes for a US Navy's unarmed satellite defence system, which he is offering to sell to the highest bidder. (R)

8.00 Walking Through History: Northumbria. Tony Robinson takes a five-day walk from Melrose in the Scottish Borders to Holy Island off the coast of Northumbria, exploring the history of the ancient kingdom of Northumbria.

9.00 Hostages. Ellen's sister has been taken captive at the house intending to stay, creating problems for Duncan, while Kramer helps Sandrine find the money she needs to pay off Victoria.

10.00 The Hollywood Beetards. (2009) Second World War adventure, starring Brad Pitt.

12.55 Film: Before the Devil Knows You're Dead, (2007) **2.45** Hollyoaks, (R) **4.50** Location, Location, Location, (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!, **6.00** Access: **6.20** Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide, **8.00** Great Movie Mistakes 2: The Sequel, **9.00** Film: Meet the Fockers (2004) **10.55** Family Guy, **BBC Four**

7.00 Wild China **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of South America **9.00** Salamander **10.40** Boogie Fever: A TOTP2 Disco Special

ITV2

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ITV

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Film4

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Mr Selfridge

ITV, 9pm

With many of the department store's men away fighting in France, it's up to the ladies to step up and take their places both on the shop floor and behind the scenes. Unfortunately, it's a move that doesn't go down well with Crabb – until Henry gives him a mission that involves training them up. But will he choose to accept it? What the women should wear while carrying out menial tasks also causes problems – skirts and petticoats simply aren't suitable for working in the loading bay. Meanwhile, Thackeray grows suspicious of Henri.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast, 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show, 10.00 The Big Questions, 11.00 Sunday Politics, 12.15 Wanted Down Under, Revisited, 1.00 BBC News: Weather, 1.15 Bargain Hunt, (R) 2.00 The Grand Tour, (R) 2.45 Escape to the Country, (R) 3.30 Hidden Kingdoms, (R) 4.30 Lifeline, 4.40 Songs of Praise, 5.15 Pointless Celebrities, (R) 6.05 BBC News, Regional News, 6.30 Blandings, New series. Period comedy, starring Timothy Carlton, as the Honourable Duke of Dunsable comes to stay, with a dastardly plan to get his host out of the way. Harry Enfield guest stars.

7.00 Countryfile, A visit to Wiltshire, where Matt Baker is at a help for Horseracing centre, including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 Call the Midwife, A young woman with Down's syndrome is brought in feeling unwell, and turns out to be six months pregnant. The staff prepare to celebrate Sister Evangelina's 50th jubilee.

9.00 The British Academy Film Awards, Stephen Fry hosts the ceremony live from the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. Guests include, Captain Phillips, Gravity, Philomena and 12 Years a Slave compete for best film.

11.00 BBC News, Regional News; Weather.

11.25 Film: Doubt, (2008) Drama, starring Meryl Streep.

1.05 Weatherview, 1.10 BBC News.

BBC2

12.30 Live Winter Olympics. Further coverage on day nine in Russia, 4.00 Live Winter Olympics. The concluding coverage on day nine in Russia.

7.00 Winter Olympics: Today at the Games, Jade Baldwin and others highlight the day nine in Russia, where five gold medals were decided at venues in Sochi and Krasnaya Polyana.

8.00 Top Gear, Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May demonstrate their love of small cars with a trip to Ukraine. James Blunt returns for another drive in the Reassembled Ford Car.

9.00 The Apprentice, An entrepreneur looks for investment for his chocolate drink, a couple try to raise interest in their woolen duvet, and there is a pitch for children's storage device.

10.00 Alan Davies Apres-Ski, The comedian and his guests give their take on the latest from Sochi.

10.30 Line of Duty, The return of the crime drama, with DCI Lindsay Denton comes under suspicion after a police convoy is ambushed.

11.30 Film: Consideration, (2006) The cast of a 1940s-set movie overreact to rumours of an Oscar nomination. Spoof documentary, directed by and starring Christopher Guest.

12.55 Sign Zone: Countryfile, (R) 1.50 Holby City, (R) 2.50 The Truth About Immigration, (R) 3.50 This Is BBC Two, 5.00 Live Winter Olympics.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Pat & Stan, 6.10 Pat & Stan, (R) 6.20 Pat & Stan, (R) 6.25 Dino Dan, (R) 6.40 Dino Dan, (R) 6.50 Canimals, (R) 7.00 Canimals, (R) 7.05 Canimals, (R) 7.10 Om Om Stories, (R) 7.15 Sooty, (R) 7.30 The Umbrella Academy, (R) 7.45 Murder She Wrote, (R) 11.25 ITV News: Weather, 11.35 Inside the National Trust, 12.30 The Crocodile Hunter: Collision, 1.00 Live at the Albert, 3.50 Splash!, (R) 5.00 Regional Programme.

6.00 ITV News: Weather.

6.15 Dancing on Ice, The six remaining stars battle it out in two rival teams, with the most successful team to have their judges' scores doubled. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley present. The results are at 8.30pm.

7.45 All Star Family Fortunes, The TV presenter Julia Bradbury and darts champion Phil Taylor.

8.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off, Two celebrities skate again to impress the judges.

9.00 Mr Selfridge, Delphine helps him do more for the war effort.

10.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather.

10.15 Birds of a Feather, Tracey, Sharon and Doreen lose their jobs, (R)

10.45 FA Cup Highlights, Action from the latest fifth-round fixture.

11.45 Premiership Rugby Union, Highlights of the latest fixtures in English rugby's top-flight competition.

12.45 The Store, 2.50 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA, 4.10 ITV Nightscreen, 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show, (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs, (R) 6.35 The Hoobs, (R) 7.00 Freeparts on 4, 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond, (R) 7.55 Frasier, (R) 8.25 The Taste, (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch, 12.30 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 12.55 The Big Bang Theory, 1.50 How I Met Your Mother, 2.20 The Simpsons, (R) 2.50 The Simpsons, (R) 3.20 Film: Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World, (2011) 5.00 Deal or No Deal.

6.00 Channel News.

6.30 The Great British Travel, (2010) A directionless man tries to explore the Bermuda Triangle, and ends up stuck on an island where he is a giant. He meets a woman with Jack Black and Emily Blunt.

8.00 Scandinavia, In Norway, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall meets the duo behind novelty song The Fox, joins oil workers on an emergency rescue rehearsal and dives for sea urchins. Last in the series.

9.00 Film: Red, (2010) A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt, and realises he must return to find out who wants them dead. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis.

11.15 Film: Under Siege 2: Dark Territory, (1995) A Navy veteran returns to train battleship hijackers who possess a weapon with the potential to trigger earthquakes. Action adventure, sequel, with Steven Seagal.

1.05 Boss, 2.00 The Secret Millionaire, (2009) My Life, (R) 2.55 Secret Removers, (R) 3.55 Location, Location, Location, (R) 4.50 Supernanny US, (R) 5.30 Deal or No Deal: Love HQ, (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!, Peppa Pig, 6.05 Roary the Racing Car, (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots, (R) 6.25 Bubble Guppies, (R) 6.40 The Mr Men Show, (R) 6.55 Chloe's Closet, (R) 7.00 Roobarb and Custard Too, (R) 7.10 The Great Pyjama, (R) 7.25 Make Way for Noddy, (R) 7.30 Sport and Ernie's Great Adventures, (R) 7.40 City of Friends, (R) 7.55 Little Princess, (R) 8.05 Olly the Little White Van, (R) 8.10 The Big Bang Theory, (R) 8.25 The Bill and His Best Friend Corky, (R) 8.25 Angelina Ballerina, (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear, (R) 9.00 Bear and Holly's Little Kingdom, (R) 9.15 Jelly Jamm, (R) 9.30 The Powerpuff Girls, (R) 9.45 Power Rangers Megaforce, (R) 11.00 Access, (R) 11.05 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild, (R) 12.00 Ice Road Truckers, (R) 12.55 Underworld: Evolution, (R) 1.55 The Hotel Inspector, (R) 2.55 Film: What a Girl Wants, (2003) 5.00 Film: Paul Blart: Mall Cop, (2009) 6.55 5 News.

7.00 Film: The River Wild, (1994) Action Thriller, starring Meryl Streep.

9.00 Film: 10,000 BC, (2008) A young mammoth-hunter crosses the wilderness to rescue his lover and fellow villagers from slave raiders. Prehistoric adventure, starring Steven Strait and Camilla Belle.

11.10 Film: The Matrix Reloaded, (2003) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Keanu Reeves.

1.40 SuperCasino, 3.10 200 Nine, & 200 Nine, (R) 2.50 Iron Man, (R) 4.30 Wild at SOS, (R) 4.25 Make It Big, (R) 4.50 The Funky Valley Show, (R) 5.00 Angels of Jarm, (R) 5.10 Hana's Helpline, (R) 5.20 Angels of Jarm, (R) 5.30 The Funky Valley Show, (R) 5.40 Hana's Helpline.

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 BBC Three's Greatest Dance Crazes, 7.10 The Voice UK 8.30 The British Academy Film Awards: Red Carpet 9.00 Russell Howard's Good News 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 Uncle 11.15 American Dad!

BBC Four

7.00 Francesca's Italy, Top to Toe 8.00 The World's Most Beautiful Eggs: The Genius of Carl Faberge 9.00 Bunkers, Brutalism and Bloodymindedness: Concrete Poetry 10.00 Film: Free Men 11.35 Nel Sedaka: King of Song

ITV2

3.40 Film: The Mighty Ducks (1992) 5.50 Film: The Perfect Man (2005) 8.00 You've Been Framed! 9.00 Film: Ocean's Eleven (2001) 11.25 The Big Reunion 2014

ITV3

2.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 5.00 Lewis 7.10 Agatha Christie's Poirot 9.00 Ronnie Corbett's Comedy Britain 10.00 Inspector Morse

ITV4

3.20 Film: The Appaloosa (1966) 5.20 Film: Superman II (1980) 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Film: Cliffhanger (1993) Action thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone, 11.18 Hell on Wheels

E4

3.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 4.00 The Tomorrow People 5.00 Troy 6.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 6.30 Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: Iron Man (2008) 10.25 The Big Bang Theory 10.55 Rude Tube

Film4

3.10 The Love Bug (1968) 5.20 City of Ember (2008) 7.10 Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008) 9.00 The Day the Earth Stood Still (2008) 11.05 Splice (2009)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

McBride: It's Murder, Madam, Channel 5, 3.15pm
An aspiring actress thinks she has landed on her feet when she is offered a job straight after arriving in town – but her good fortune proves short-lived when she is accused of murdering her new boss. Luckily, maverick lawyer McBride is happy to help clear her name. Crime drama, starring John Larroquette, Marta DuBois, Matt Lutz and Claire Coffee. (2005)

TUESDAY

The Mexican, BBC1, 11.35pm

A petty crook finds himself in a tricky situation when he tries to smuggle an antique gun from Mexico into America for his Mob boss. As events begin to spiral out of control, his girlfriend's displeasure and a pursuing hitman only add to the would-be bootlegger's woes. Comedy thriller directed by Gore Verbinski, with Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts and James Gandolfini. (2001)

WEDNESDAY

Big Momma's House, Channel 4, 12.05am

A dedicated FBI agent will stop at nothing to catch a dangerous escaped convict, even if it means donning a fat suit and drag to pose as the obese old woman who lives across the road from the felon's girlfriend. Comedy, with Martin Lawrence, Nia Long, Paul Giamatti, Jascha Washington and Ella Mitchell. (2000)



The Color of Money, Thursday, BBC1, 11.35pm

THURSDAY

The Color of Money, BBC1, 11.35pm

Fast Eddie Felson takes cocky pool player Vincent under his wing and sets about moulding him into the kind of hustler he used to be. As Vincent gradually immerses himself in the seedy aspects of the game, Eddie begins to discover something of himself in his protégé – and he does not like what he sees. Martin Scorsese's drama sequel to The Hustler, starring an Oscar-winning Paul Newman, with Tom Cruise, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio and John Turturro. (1986)

FRIDAY

Navy Seals, Channel 5, 10pm

The US Navy's elite commando force embarks on a dangerous covert mission to rescue hostages from an Arab terrorist in Beirut. However, the assignment proves far more serious than expected when they realise their enemies have acquired powerful stolen missiles. Action adventure, starring Charlie Sheen, Michael Biehn, Joanne Whalley, Bill Paxton and Rick Rossovich. (1990)

Synecdoche, New York, BBC2, 11.05pm

A neurotic writer builds a replica of New York to use in a play while having a series of affairs. Comedy drama, starring the late Philip Seymour Hoffman with Catherine Keener. (2008)

The stars are out to shine on a night of celebration

The cream of the British movie industry are out in force, along with worldwide talent, to celebrate the best in global cinema at the Bafta Film Awards.

Hot favourite to win a few gongs this year is 12 Years A Slave, which is up for Best Film, Best Adapted Screenplay (John Ridley), Best Actor (Chiwetel Ejiofor), Best Music (Hans Zimmer), and other gongs including Best Cinematography. However, the likes of American Hustle and Captain Phillips could give Steve McQueen's drama a run for its money.

There's no shortage of quality in the Outstanding British Film section either. Alfonso Cuarón's sci-fi blockbuster Gravity is up against Clio Barnard's award-winner The Selfish Giant, as well as biopics Mandela: Long Walk To Freedom; drama Philomena, which was co-written by Steve Coogan; Ron Howard's James Hunt/Miki Lauda drama Rush; and making-of-Mary-Poppins saga Saving Mr Banks.

The latter was penned by Kelly Marcel, who is one of the names nominated for the Outstanding Debut

Award, along with Colin Carberry and Glenn Patterson, the writers of much-loved music drama Good Vibrations.

There's a strong chance Gravity will romp home with Best Visual Effects, though Star Wars: Episode VII and Star Trek Into Darkness all delivered some eye-popping visuals in 2013; fellow contender The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug was also dazzling – in places. We have no idea who will win what, but we can tell you that Helen Mirren will be picking up the Bafta Fellowship award for her impressive drama of work.

As ever there will be a tribute to some of the great film-makers and stars we lost over the past year, including the much-missed Peter O'Toole, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Mel Smith and James Gandolfini. Host Stephen Fry (one of the best things about the aforementioned Hobbit sequel) will be guiding us through the proceedings from the Royal Opera House in London's Covent Garden.

It is his ninth time fronting the bash, and the fact last year's show was one of the highest rated since

Pick of the Week



Stephen Fry hosts The British Academy Film Awards, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

DCI Banks

ITV, 9pm

That DCI Banks doesn't get a minute's peace, does he? If he's not tearing around nailing the local baddies, it's his love life that's in a spin. And things aren't about to settle down for the cop – in either camp – anytime soon. In tonight's episode, investigative journalist Matt Barber is found dead in a holiday chalet in a remote village, and Banks and the team are overwhelmed by the number of leads they seem to have. However, the detective soon discovers a connection between Barber and a mysterious death in the 1980s, revolving around the surviving members of cult rock band The Crystal Kiss. Banks gets a shock when a link between a suspect and Annie reveals secrets from her personal life.

TUESDAY

Live UEFA Champions League

ITV, 7.30pm

Manchester City welcome Spanish champions Barcelona to the Etihad Stadium for this highly anticipated last-16 first-leg contest. This is the first time City have progressed past the group stage of the Champions League, and they would have hoped for an easier tie than this one. Much of their difficulty was due to them finishing second in their group behind holders Bayern Munich and therefore having to play a group winner, although they can take confidence from their outstanding home record, with their recent defeat against Chelsea and a loss to Bayern their only blips in front of their own fans this season.

Sexting Teacher

Channel 4, 10pm

When maths teacher Jeremy Forrest ran away to France with a 15-year-old pupil, he made headlines – and ended up in prison. But this documentary suggests that he was also part of worrying trend of relationships between teachers and their underage students. While some people who can remember listening to schoolyard gossip may argue this isn't an entirely new phenomenon, the use of social media and smartphones appears to be making it increasingly easy for these relationships to form. By looking at Foster's case, as well as two others which ultimately led to a teacher being convicted (the names in these cases have been changed), the programme looks at what can be done to tackle the problem, and the dangers to the youngsters involved.

WEDNESDAY

Brit Awards 2014

ITV, 8pm

If the Baftas has left you hungry for more high profile London-based back-slapping then you're in for a treat as James Corden returns to host this annual music awards ceremony. Live from the O2 Arena, the 34th event will see a new Brit statue make its debut, while two of the most ubiquitous acts of the night should be electronic London rockers Bastille, and drum and bass quartet Rudimental. Not only are both performing, they are also up for

several gongs, including Best British Group (alongside the Arctic Monkeys, Disclosure and One Direction); British Album of the Year, and British Single of the Year. Other acts taking to the stage are Arctic Monkeys, Katy Perry, Ellie Goulding and Bruno Mars.

THURSDAY

Inspector George Gently

BBC1, 8.30pm

Gently and Bacchus investigate a murder carried out by a former serviceman who claims to have been given LSD by scientists. According to the brother of Scott Tanner – the man accused of the killing – he isn't capable of hurting anybody. All the evidence suggests otherwise, but Gently feels he's made a breakthrough when he discovers that Scott had been seeing psychiatrist Dr Lesley after showing signs of schizophrenia. When Lesley is also found murdered, Gently questions his former associate, Dr Jennifer Bing, and what she says makes him wonder if a cover-up is going on. Meanwhile, frustrated at the lack of movement in the case, Mark decides to take matters into his own hands – a move that could prove disastrous for all concerned.

Suspects

Channel 5, 10pm

As the improv cops-and-robbers show continues, an assault on Kirk Hawthorne (Robert Boulter), owner of East London's Green Pit nightclub, gives Jack (Damien Molony) and Charlie (Clare Hope-Ashitey)

no end of problems. The victim's sister Ziggy is unconscious in the cellar, with a bleeding head wound. Though Kirk's injury is not serious, Ziggy is suffering from a brain haemorrhage, and also a possible drug overdose. The detectives' investigation is hampered by the lack of the club's security CCTV recorder, which is missing from the premises. However, the death of 19-year-old student Tom Yeoman provides a couple of clues to the case, he's in possession of the same drug Ziggy took. Fay Ripley also stars as big cheese, Di Martha Bellamy.



Brit Awards 2014, Wednesday, ITV, 8pm

FRIDAY

Live Six Nations Rugby Union

BBC1, 7.55pm

The third round of Six Nations matches gets underway this evening under the lights of the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff, as Wales and France meet in a fixture that could go a long way to deciding the destination of the title. Both nations won on the opening weekend of the season, and another victory here would be a significant step in the quest to finish top of the standings, especially for Wales as they look to win a third successive title. This is a clash which also holds an intriguing sub-plot – many of French rugby's woes have been blamed on the influx of foreign players into the cash-rich Top 14 league, of which Wales have provided several...

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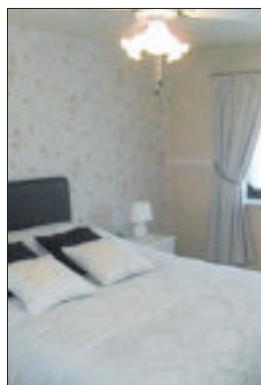
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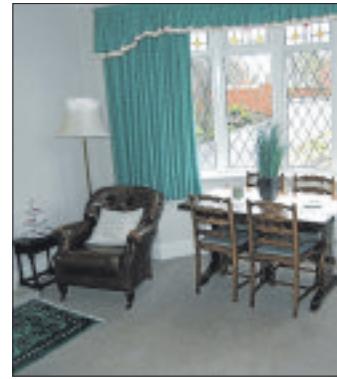
It has a porch, entrance hall, dining room, extended lounge, extended breakfast/kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, separate WC, gardens, garage, parking, utility room and further WC.

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• Gas C/HTG & double glazed
• Immaculate thr' out
• Energy rating D
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£225,000



CAMBERLEY CRESCE
NTT
ETINGHSHALL PARK

- Spacious Semi-Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining plus Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen plus Laundry Room
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- VIEWING HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- Energy Rating D

£175,000



FLAVEL STREET
WOODSETTON

- Spacious End-Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining plus Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Bathrooms on First Floor
- Central Heating, Double Glazing
- Cellar (possible ideal games room)
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Energy Rating D

£119,950



ABINGDON ROAD
NETHERTON

- Mid-Town House
- Popular Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Living Room plus Conservatory
- Garage
- Off Road Parking
- Pleasant Rear Garden
- Energy Rating TBC

£110,000



BELL ROAD
NETHERTON

- Spacious Mid-Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining plus Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Private Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Garage in Separate Block
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Energy Rating TBC

£109,950



FOX STREET
WOODSETTON

- An Ideal First Time Buy or Investment
- First Floor Flat
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge, Dining, Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Convenient Location
- No Upward Chain
- Energy Rating E

Offers Around £57,500



HURST ROAD
COSELEY

- Substantial semi-detached family property with three bedrooms
- Spacious lounge/diner
- Breakfast kitchen
- Modernised bathroom
- Off road parking
- 23ft Garage
- Double glazing (where specified)
- Local amenities
- Energy Rating D

Reduced to £119,950



WOOD ROAD
LOWER GORNAL

- Semi-detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious living room
- Fitted kitchen
- Downstairs bathroom
- Good size rear garden
- Double glazing & central heating (where specified)
- Sun room plus store
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Energy Rating D

Reduced to £109,950



PADARN CLOSE
OFF NORTHWAY

- MUST BE SEEN
- Well maintained and recently improved family home
- Mid-town house with three bedrooms
- Lounge plus conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom with separate bath and shower cubicle
- Central heating, Double glazing
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating: TBC

£125,000



TUDOR ROAD
UPPER GORNAL

- Semi-detached home on corner position
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Downstairs cloak
- Bathroom
- Central heating
- Front, side and rear gardens
- Parking for 2 vehicles
- Garage
- Double glazing
- Allocated parking
- Energy Rating: TBC

Reduced to £119,950



POPLAR CRESCENT
DUDLEY

- Spacious Semi-detached family home
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining kitchen
- Shower room with separate WC
- Central heating & Double glazing (where specified)
- Off road parking
- Pleasant rear garden
- Energy Rating TBC

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NEW
49 DUDLEY ROAD
DUDLEY

- Extended detached house
- Well presented & improved
- Three bedrooms
- Good sized private rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING B



REDUCED
269 NORTHWAY
DUDLEY

- Spacious detached family home
- Four bedrooms
- Breakfast kitchen, conservatory
- Attractively landscaped south-west facing rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E



28 SUNNINGDALE ROAD
DUDLEY

- Link detached house with three bedrooms
- Extended & improved good sized accommodation
- L-shaped lounge & separate dining room
- Popular and convenient location
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



NO UPWARD CHAIN
FLAT 10 THE LIMES
DUDLEY

- Spacious first floor two bedroom apartment
- Over 55's development
- Spacious lounge & dining area
- Delightful landscaped gardens
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING B



NEW
42 TURLS HILL ROAD
DUDLEY

- Traditional detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Extended at rear
- Tremendous scope for updating works
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E



NEW
4 FOXYARDS ROAD
DUDLEY

- Individual style detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious accommodation
- Generously sized level garden plot
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



NO UPWARD CHAIN
10 DINGLE ROAD
DUDLEY

- Semi-detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Extended rear lounge & kitchen
- Well proportioned accommodation
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING E



NO UPWARD CHAIN
2 CAUSEWAY ROAD
DUDLEY

- Link detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Well presented accommodation
- Conservatory at rear
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



NO UPWARD CHAIN
51 DUDLEY ROAD
DUDLEY

- Modern three storey house
- Four bedrooms, two en-suite shower rooms
- Two car parking spaces at rear
- Conservatory at rear
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C



NO UPWARD CHAIN
90 OLD PARK ROAD
DUDLEY

- Traditional semi-detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Extended and refurbished
- Stamp duty paid
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



FLAT 4 GENTRY COURT
DUDLEY

- Spacious modern first floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- High quality small development
- Secured gated entrance
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING C



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113 VIEWFIELD CRES
DUDLEY

- Modern semi-detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Well maintained accommodation
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



£1000 PAID TOWARDS PURCHASER'S LEGAL FEES
15 NEW ROWLEY ROAD
DUDLEY

- Edwardian semi-detached house
- Two bedrooms & attic room
- Deceptively spacious
- Majority gas central heating
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING E



NO/A £115,000
130 MOUNT ROAD
DUDLEY

- Edwardian semi-detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Larger than average plot
- Large private rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE - EPC RATING D



NO UPWARD CHAIN
18 EBENERZ STREET
DUDLEY

- Edwardian house
- Two bedrooms
- Attractively presented
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



NO UPWARD CHAIN
14 CROSSLEY STREET
DUDLEY

- Modern detached bungalow
- Well maintained accommodation
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Shower room
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING C



NO UPWARD CHAIN
9 DARBY CLOSE
DUDLEY

- End terraced house
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious accommodation
- Occupying a corner position
- SEDGLEY OFFICE-EPC RATING D



NO UPWARD CHAIN
3 WALFORD STREET
DUDLEY

- Modern semi-detached house
- Two bedrooms
- Ground floor shower room extension
- Two reception rooms
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HIMLEY ROAD
CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED BAY FRONTED DETACHED PROPERTY. A double glazed gas centrally heated detached property comprising to the ground floor entrance hall, cloakroom, dining room, lounge with open plan access into the fitted kitchen having integrated gas hob with extractor hood above, built in oven, conservatory, landing, four bedrooms, en-suite to the master and a family bathroom/wc. Externally there is a driveway to the front leading to the garage and rear garden. EPC RATING AWAITED
£265,000 DUDLEY 01384 455000

PAGANEL DRIVE
EPC D An Improved & Extended Bay Fronted Detached Property Three Bedrooms To First Floor Ground Floor Bedroom Four/Guest Bedroom Two Reception Rooms Ground Floor Shower Room First Floor Refitted House Bathroom Extensive Rear Garden Comprising Patio & Lawn Driveaway Parking For Many Vehicles Desirable Location Viewing Recommended
£260,000 DUDLEY 01384 455000

NEW WATER STREET
EXTENDED!!!! A gas centrally heated & double glazed extended semi detached property located in desirable area & comprises entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen having integrated appliances, utility room, ground floor cloakroom, garage, landing, three bedrooms & family bathroom. Externally having enclosed rear garden & driveway. EPC Rating - D
£205,000 DUDLEY 01384 455000

NEW DARBY'S HILL ROAD
MUST BE VIEWED! A considerably improved two bedroom detached bungalow comprising entrance porch, lounge, inner hallway, refitted four piece bathroom, fitted kitchen/diner & conservatory. Externally driveway parking having gated entrance to garage & rear garden comprising lawn & patio. EPC Rating Awaited
£179,950 DUDLEY 01384 455000

DUDLEY ROAD
Two bedroom bay fronted semi detached bungalow in a popular residential location viewing recommended. This double glazed and gas central heated two bedroom semi detached bungalow comprising of entrance porch, entrance hall, two bedrooms, shower room, kitchen/diner and lounge. Externally there is a garden to the front and enclosed rear garden along with off road parking. Epc - d
£160,000 DUDLEY 01384 455000



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UPPER GORNAL



LOWER GORNAL



TIVIDALE

BROOKES CLOSE
A MODERN THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HAVING GARAGE & NO CHAIN! A double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached located on the top of this modern cul-de-sac & is approached via driveway parking to garage & leads to the property comprises entrance hall, ground floor cloakroom, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, landing, three bedrooms & bathroom. To the rear the garden is paved with lawn beyond. EPC - C
£130,000 DUDLEY 01384 455000

DIBDALE ROAD
A THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING FITTED KITCHEN, EN-BLOC GARAGE AND CONSERVATORY. We are pleased to market property comprising to the ground floor of entrance hall, fitted kitchen, through lounge/dining room, conservatory, landing, three bedrooms and a shower room. Externally there is a rear garden and en-bloc garage. EPC rating is grade C.
£125,000 DUDLEY 01384 455000

NEW ROFORD COURT
Improved gas centrally heated & double glazed mid terraced comprising to the ground floor entrance porch, hallway, lounge, fitted kitchen/dining room, rear vestibule, ground floor cloakroom. To the first floor landing, three bedrooms and the refitted house shower room. Externally rear garden & garage en bloc. EPC Rating Awaited
£124,950 DUDLEY 01384 455000

NEW MENDIP CLOSE
AN IMPROVED THREE BEDROOM MID TERRACED HAVING NO CHAIN! A double glazed & gas centrally heated property approached via driveway parking leading to entrance porch, hallway, lounge, ground floor cloakroom, kitchen, landing, three bedrooms & bathroom. Other features include no upward chain. EPC Rating Awaited
£124,950 DUDLEY 01384 455000

NEW WESTON AVENUE
EXTENDED KITCHEN & BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY!! A gas centrally heated and double glazed extended semi detached comprising entrance hall, through lounge/dining room, extended kitchen, utility, landing, two bedrooms & bathroom. Externally rear garden having lawn & patio, to the front block paved driveway. Other features include a cul-de-sac location & no chain. EPC Rating Awaited
£107,950 DUDLEY 01384 455000



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HOLLY RD
THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY HAVING A CONSERVATORY. This gas centrally heated & double glazed property has no chain & comprises entrance hall, bathroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, three bedrooms. EPC - E
£94,950 DUDLEY 01384 455000

BRINDLEFIELDS WAY
•EPC - D •Modern Mid Townhouse •Two Bedrooms •Rear Lounge •Updated Bathroom •Double Glazing Where Stated •Gas Central Heating System •Parking
£90,000 DUDLEY 01384 455000

CALIFORNIA RD
We are pleased to present this double glazed semi detached property comprising to the ground floor of entrance hallway, kitchen, through lounge/dining room, landing, two bedrooms and bathroom. Externally having enclosed rear garden. EPC rating F
£85,000 DUDLEY 01384 455000

PERRY CLOSE
A TWO BEDROOM IMPROVED MID TOWNHOUSE HAVING NO UPWARD CHAIN! A gas centrally heated & double glazed mid terraced comprising entrance porch, hallway, lounge, kitchen, landing, two bedrooms and updated bathroom. Externally having a cul-de-sac location & enclosed rear garden. EPC - C
£84,950 DUDLEY 01384 455000

BONNEVILLE CLOSE
A CONVENIENTLY LOCATED MODERN GROUND FLOOR WELL PRESENTED APARTMENT! A double glazed ground floor apartment comprising entrance hallway, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, landing, two bedrooms and updated bathroom. Well presented kitchen/dining room, bathroom having white suite, two bedrooms. Externally the property is located on a modern development with allocated & visitor parking provided EPC - C
£79,950 DUDLEY 01384 455000



LET Similar Properties Required

REDWOOD AVENUE
•EPC Rating D •An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Extended Rear & Front Living Rooms •Fitted Kitchen & Ground Floor Extended Wet Room •Bathroom •Double Glazing •Central Heating •Gardens & Garage
£595 P/M DUDLEY 01384 455000



TO LET GRENVILLE ROAD
•EPC - D •Three Bedroom Semi-Located On The Popular Russells Hall Development •Double Glazing •Central Heating •Drive •Available Late March
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LET Similar Properties Required

LOWER GORNAL
•EPC Rating C •Three Bedroom Semi Detached •Lounge •Fitted Kitchen Having Integrated Hob & Oven •Bathroom Having White Suite •Double Glazing •Central Heating •Contemporary Decorated
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TO LET CAMBRIDGE RD
3 bedroom semi detached property having easy access to the Merry Hill Centre and Russells Hall Hospital the property consists of lounge, conservatory & kitchen, downstairs wc and to the first floor 3 bedrooms and family bathroom. Garden to rear EPC Rating Awaited
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TO LET ANCHOR DRIVE
•Modern Ground Floor Apartment •Two Double Bedrooms •Open Plan Lounge/Fitted Kitchen •Allocated Parking •Double Glazing
£495 P/M DUDLEY 01384 455000



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TO LET GREEN PARK ROAD
•EPC Rating E •Semi Detached •Two Double Bedrooms •Lounge •Fitted Kitchen •Double Glazing •Drive •Beautifully Presented
£475 PM DUDLEY 01384 455000



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TO LET BONNEVILLE CLOSE
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FIVE BEDROOMS

Kirkpatrick Drive



£299,950

Enjoying an OPEN FRONT OUTLOOK onto a large green, this SUBSTANTIAL, THREE STOREY, FIVE BEDROOM, DETACHED FAMILY HOME was constructed by respected Taylor Wimpey in 2009 and offers EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: reception hall, ground floor W.C, large lounge, separate dining room, beautifully appointed breakfast kitchen with built-in appliances, study / cloakroom, FIVE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS (arranged upon two floors and master with LUXURY EN-SUITE), first floor house bathroom, second floor shower room; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an attractively landscaped rear garden. EPC Rating: B. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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LAST REMAINING PLOT

£285,000

Brierley Hill



Delph Road

This most impressive, traditional style, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED family home, provides exceptionally versatile living space over three floors, and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the size / standard of accommodation provided. The deceptively spacious property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, through Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen with a fine range of units, integrated appliances, THREE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS, Bathroom with white suite, Basement incorporating Sitting Room, Bedroom Four with Ensuite, Block Paved Driveway, providing off street parking, Garage, Workshop to Rear and Garden with Decked Patio Area. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£189,950

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Breamore Crescent, Earls Keep



Offers in the region of £265,000

A substantial imposing and particularly spacious FREEHOLD and gas centrally heated and double glazed, Bryant built family residence with potential. Having 'no upward chain' this fine home provides traditional reception hall, fitted cloakroom, store, elegant 18ft 3" (into bay) lounge separate dining room, kitchen, utility room. FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS bathroom, double garage, gardens. EPC Rating T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Kinver Street

A SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME, which will appeal with its popular and established address, now offering MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED accommodation, which is 'READY TO MOVE INTO' and comprising: reception hall, attractive lounge, dining room, and separate reception hall, two double bedrooms, side porch, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, re-appointed bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set in a quiet cul-de-sac, the rear garden is a large FORECOURT and enjoying a good sized patio / lawned rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£139,950

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Brownswall Road

A COMPETITIVELY PRICED gas centrally heated and primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached with potential, elegantly situated upon favoured development, within walking distance to open fields and so many day to day amenities. Accommodation provides reception hall, L shape 19ft 5" through living / dining room with patio doors, upgraded kitchen, two double bedrooms, tiled bathroom with white traditionally styled suite, external block paved driveway / parking with potential garage space to one side and a secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £135,000

BROCKMOOR



Pheasant Street

This beautifully presented, modern style, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOM LINK DETACHED home is situated in an established residential location, and is well worthy of internal inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Guest WC, stylish Lounge, Dining Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, Bathroom, Driveway, Garage (currently partitioned), and a pleasant Rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£134,950

Dudley



Oxford Street

This modern style, uPVC Double Glazed (vast majority of units), Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOM TOWNHOUSE is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may be of particular interest to FIRST TIME BUYERS. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Dining Kitchen, Transverse Lounge, THREE BEDROOMS, Bathroom Separate WC, low maintenance Garden with secure parking to Rear. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

£99,950

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Keyes Drive

Enjoying its own PRIVATE GROUND FLOOR ENTRANCE and pleasantly located upon the highly respected and sought after Charterfields development, this MODERN ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT offers WELL PROPORTIONED and IMPROVED accommodation comprising: private entrance hall, very spacious Lounge, Inner Hall, fitted Kitchen, DOUBLE BEDROOM, refitted classic white Bathroom and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is further enhanced by a GARAGE to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£88,500

NETHERTON



Hill Street

This neatly presented, Victorian style, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroom mid terrace property is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises: stylish lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom with white suite, two first floor double bedrooms, and rear courtyard. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£86,950

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Royston Way

A distinctive, particularly SPACIOUS, gas centrally heated & majority uPVC double glazed detached bungalow imaginatively designed to take full advantage of individual established plot circa 2004. Tremendously improved & presented throughout, the elegant accommodation includes imposing reception hall, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances, utility room, 22ft living/dining room, principal bedroom with fitted units & en-suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom & separate shower/cloakroom. Extensive landscaped gardens, ample parking & planning consent (now lapsed) for construction of double garage. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950

LOWER GORNAL



Himley Gardens

Envably situated at head of cul-de-sac with tremendous distant views, double wall, distance of garage, country park etc. A SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home that has been TREMENDOUSLY UPGRADED in recent years, and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Outstanding accommodation includes: entrance hallway, large double aspect lounge, separate dining room, extended/refitted kitchen with a fine range of "beech" effect units & various integrated appliances, understairs store, utility room, fitted cloakroom. FOUR BEDROOMS, bathroom, separate WC, white contemporary suite, separate toilet. Garage, garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £225,000

GORNAL WOOD



Brick Kiln Lane

Substantial, highly individual, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached family residence with potential set in a favoured, popular residential area, close to local amenities. Accommodation includes: imposing reception hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge, large 20ft dining kitchen, central landing with door to balcony feature, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS (one with wardrobes), reappointed shower room (former bathroom), white suite, double glazing, double doors, lengthy 22ft garage & further parking for larger vehicles/carsavan, etc. sheltered rear garden, impressive foregarden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £219,950

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Alderbrook Close, Northway

Envably situated upon FINE CORNER PLOT (with potential), a superb, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached comprising entrance porch, L-shape through lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'English Cream' finish units, outer porch & further store. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, lengthy 21ft garage & further parking for larger vehicles/carsavan, etc. sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £195,000

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Kingsley Road



BACKING ONTO WOODS

BACKING ONTO ATTRACTIVE WOODLAND within this extremely desirable address, close to excellent schooling, this TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires updating and improvement but provides FANTASTIC POTENTIAL to enhance the GENEROUS accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: Reception Hall, well proportioned Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and DOUBLE GLAZING. Gently elevated back beyond the front lawn/paved forecourt, together with DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and enjoying an ATTRACTIVE AND GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£189,950

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Envably situated, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached with open aspect & distant views upon favoured development. Superb accommodation includes: reception hall, store, fitted upgraded cloakroom, breakfast kitchen, transverse lounge, magnificent brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with integrated shower room en-suite), upgraded bathroom with white suite. Secured gated drive & substantial brick garage, secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £187,950

**Brettell Lane**

This MODERN STYLE, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, FOUR BEDROOM detached family home is WELL PRESENTED THROUGHOUT and is WELL WORTHY OF INTERNAL INSPECTION. The SPACIOUS PROPERTY briefly comprises: entrance hall, through lounge, dining room, kitchen, guest w.c. utility, four good bedrooms with en-suite to master, bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage, and a neat garden to the rear. EPC Rating: C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

£179,950

**Fairview Road**

A quite exceptional, tremendously ENLARGED & EXTENDED Edwardian semi detached property occupying a fine corner plot with EXTENSIVE PARKING. The uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (combi boiler) accommodation includes: reception hall, sitting room with bay, separate dining room, stunning 22' breakfast kitchen with a magnificent range of units & many integrated appliances, three bedrooms, 31' double glazed conservatory. FOUR GUEST ROOMS, shower room (former bathroom). Many period features. Large garage, block paved parking, delightful sheltered garden.

EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

**Wall Heath****New Dudley Road**

Forming part of this highly sought after address, with pleasant front views towards ATTRACTIVE WOODED GREEN, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, TRADITIONAL 'BAY FRONTE' SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is enhanced by an ATTRACTIVE 'SOUTH FACING' REAR GARDEN and offers ENLARGED and ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED accommodation, comprising: Reception Hall, extended large Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, refitted Kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS, refitted 'classic white' Bathroom with separate shower; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond a GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY to the fore which provides ample off-road parking for several vehicles and having a GARAGE / STORE to the rear (accessed via Dudley Road). EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

£169,950

**Tennyson Road, Straits**

An ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed EXTENDED semi detached upon favoured development that has been "transformed" in recent months. Accommodation provides; entrance vestibule, reception hall, store, sitting room with bay, extended 22'5", lounge, and extended refitted 16'8" kitchen with fitted breakfast bar, integrated oven, hob & filter, and utility room. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with a white suite, 18'6" garage, delightful gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £166,750

**Camberley Crescent, Ettingshall Park**

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**Chad Road, Bramford Estate**

An absolutely outstanding, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated (new combi boiler) semi detached that has been "transformed" by present vendors in recent months to an exemplary specification. Accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, delightful lounge with bay, pantry, separate dining room, refitted kitchen. Three generous bedrooms (two with wardrobes), upgraded bathroom, garage, neat garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**Cardness Place**

This immaculately presented, much improved, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, Two bedroom end of terrace house has been conscientiously maintained by the current owner, and is well worthy of internal inspection. The stylish property occupies a corner plot, and accommodation briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, well-proportioned Dining Room, splendid Kitchen addition, Two Bedrooms (with en-suite shower to master), Bathroom, Tarmacadum Driveway and Lawned Gardens. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Delightful, most attractive, conscientiously maintained, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached on fine corner plot with good distant views. The accommodation includes; entrance hallway, 16'10" lounge with bay, transverse breakfast kitchen, Two bedrooms (principal bedroom with a fine range of fitted units), bathroom. Rare advantage of substantial brick garage, neat gardens. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**Lomond Road, Northway**

A gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' excellent situated in relatively quiet 'backwater' convenient for so many amenities. The conscientiously maintained accommodation includes 18ft reception hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen with a range of 'light beech' effect units, integrated oven, hob & filter. Three generous bedrooms, upgraded shower room, garden. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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An EXTENDED, gas centrally heated, & uPVC double glazed end "starter home" upon wide corner plot with extensive gated block paved parking, and good distant views from the rear. Accommodation provides; reception hall, separate dining room, through living room, extended 'L' shape breakfast kitchen. Three bedrooms, recently reappointed bathroom with a white contemporary style suite, LARGE GARAGE, garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Constructed by Taylor Wimpey circa. 2009 and covered by remainder of NHBC guarantee, the stylish gas centrally heated and double glazed "starter home" in a popular, convenient neighbourhood. The delightful accommodation includes; entrance hallway, fitted cloakroom with white suite, lounge, transverse breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, and CONSERVATORY beyond. Two bedrooms (principal bedroom with two built in double wardrobes), part tiled shower room (former bathroom) with a white suite & chrome fitting. Neat sheltered rear garden designed to ensure low maintenance. Two double garages. SPACES beyond. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Mirage: seeing is believing

By Andy Enright

Mitsubishi tends to do small cars rather well. Not that you'd know, because they don't always get the marketing push they deserve in this country.

The old Mitsubishi Colt was a really good fun supermini that spawned the Smart Forfour. One of those cars that was somewhat overlooked by the masses falling over themselves to get into Corsas and Fiestas, the Colt now makes a great used buy.

Mitsubishi have gone back to the drawing board with their latest supermini, the Mirage, and has come up with a vehicle that really chimes with the economic times. If you want to keep

You don't have to spend too long looking at the engineering of the Mirage to

realise that it's been developed down to a price, with cost of running as a priority. Therefore it's not really fair to expect it to be a pin-sharp driver's car.

You get the choice of two engines, both petrol-powered. The entry-level powerplant is a 70bhp 1.0-litre unit, which is mated to a five-speed manual gearbox.

Pay a bit more and you can choose a 79bhp 1.2-litre manual car with the option of a CVT automatic gearbox that really takes the drag out of city driving. This engine is quite perky, getting to 60mph in 11.7 seconds and running onto 112mph.

The steering is geared for ease of use at low speeds, which makes parking very easy at the detriment of high-speed precision.

The Mitsubishi Mirage looks quite smart, if a little unadventurously styled. It's neat and a little bulbous, in much the same way



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that most superminis looked five years ago, without the big signature design flourishes of the latest generation of cars. But then if you wanted something like a Renault Clio, you'd probably be paying around quite a bit more.

There are some nice details though. I particularly liked the deep side sculpting, the very cleanly-styled rear end and the slotted front grille. Drop inside and it feels fairly basic, although if you can specify the piano black dash treatment, that lifts the ambience a little. There are quite a few hard plastic finishes on display although

it's excusable given that the 1.0-litre model weighs just 845kg. With prices starting from around £8,000, the Mitsubishi Mirage is campaigning in a market populated not by the Fiestas, Polos and Cios.

It looks good, the fuel economy and emissions figures are excellent, it's very keenly priced, you just know it's going to be metronomically reliable. We don't know whether this one is going to do any better than its Colt predecessor, but if you want something a little different and your new car budget isn't stretching too far, you might find a lot to like here.



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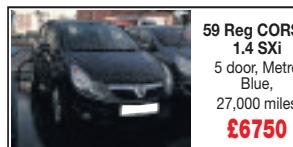
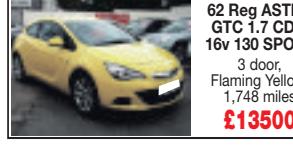
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Spencer is eager to get back in the ring

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The undefeated light middleweight has six victories but boxed just once last year, so is hoping his run-out on Saturday March 1 at Walsall Town Hall is the first of many in 2014.

'The Style' has seen a host of contests fall by the wayside still early on in his professional career and admitted it's been hard to handle.

The 23-year-old is desperate to get back into the ring and will face Exeter's Faheem Khan, a former Masters Bronze title challenger.

He said: "It has been a difficult few months. I thought that it was going to be a good year for me. I was supposed to be out again last July, but that never happened. I was on a show in September, which I trained for but it got cancelled."

Tickets at £30 and £60 ringside, are available from the Town Hall Box Office on 0845 111 2900. The after-show party is at the Pitch Sports Bar Walsall.

Team will plug gap, Chambers

ADAM CHAMBERS says Walsall has the strength in depth to cope without influential skipper Andy Butler in this Friday's showdown with play-off rivals Peterborough United.

The centre-back is set to miss the trip to London Road through suspension – the first time he will not start a game for the Saddlers this term.

Butler's partnership with Paul Downing has been a key component in one of League One's meanest defences and he is a big miss for a game being billed as a play-off six pointer.

Ben Purkiss and James Chambers are the two prime candidates to replace the skipper and midfielder Adam says whoever is chosen will be good enough.

"We have dealt with it before," he said. "I'm sure whoever comes in will do a good job. It does help if you can keep a settled partnership at the back but these things happen to every team."

DK's plans don't exactly pan out

Redditch 5 Kingswinford 1sts 3
KINGSWINFORD travelled to Redditch for a pulsating match. Captain Surjit Takhar went through a detailed game plan in a 4-3-3 formation. This worked wonders as K-ford had 90 per cent of the early play winning numerous short corners via new player Gurmail Chana's outstanding skills.

It was Redditch who took the lead via a counter attack and they added a second to make it 2-0. K-ford responded when Billy Jawanda squared to Lubby Ram to slot home just before half time

to make it 2-1. Redditch player Steve Cook scored the penalty flick. K-ford captain replied via a brilliant strike taking a through-ball by Jawanda and hammering an unstoppable hit into the Redditch goal.

K-ford pushed for an equaliser. However another contested short corner awarded to Redditch allowed them to make it 4-2. K-ford responded when Raggi Singh played a superb ball to Takhar allowing him to cross to Gurmail Chana to tap home to make it 4-3.

They then had a number of short corners which were un-

able to convert. Searching for the equaliser Kingswinford left gaps in their defence for Redditch to score and win the game 5-3.

The joint man of the match award went to the two youngsters James Armstrong and Tom Hickman who both ran their legs off tracking back and forward in midfield roles.

This week Kingswinford will face local rivals Old Wulfs in a vital match and will no doubt give a warm welcome to ex-Club cap-

tain Mark Wilson. Kingswinford Seconds turned out to face Evesham on a wet and windy Saturday afternoon. There was one ray of sunshine as K-ford managed to get a full complement of 11 players on to the field and even had the luxury of a substitute.

The game started well as the ball was passed confidently between the strikers and midfield with the pressure showing after four minutes as Elliot Steedman put the ball into the back of the Evesham goal after some slick passing. Eventually the Kingswinford pressure showed and Colin got himself on the score sheet once more.

minutes later with the a goal from Colin Morris.

The pressure continued with a further three goals coming in the first 20 minutes with Hari Singh netting a goal after Colin had secured a first half hat-trick to put Kingswinford into a comfortable 5-0 lead.

The Kingswinford defence held their nerve repelling the Evesham attack but Evesham finally broke through with a goal just before the half time whistle. Eventually the Kingswinford pressure showed and Colin got himself on the score sheet once more.

Athletes run into a new division

ATHLETES from Dudley Kingswinford Running Club have guaranteed promotion to Division 2 of the Birmingham Cross Country League with a solid performance in the final fixture of the season.

Tackling a saturated six mile-plus course around Walsall Arboretum, Team DK raised a squad of 14 athletes for the last race of the season. A race that could have turned into a lap of honour after the blue hoops had performed well throughout the season. Handily placed in second, some distance behind the leaders Trentham RC but with a comfortable cushion ahead of Newcastle (Staffs) AC only disaster could stand in the way of promotion.

After finishing first in the previous race Ben Foster had to give way to two fast boys from Solihull & Small Heath, and Newcastle but was still a comfortable 3rd in 41.19. Rob Meredith finished in 43.21 for 14th place, Andy Sprague was 18th in 43.58, Rich Bate was 23rd in 44.46, Rob Sanwald was 30th in 45.28 and Steve Wood finished in 40th in 46.02 to make up the A team.

Ismail is poised to stay put

ZELI ISMAIL was today set to stay at Burton Albion for the rest of the season with a challenge from Wolves boss Kenny Jackett to gatecrash the Molineux first team.

The 20-year-old winger has wowed Brewers fans in his initial one-month stay at the Pirelli Stadium, signing off with a superb winner in the League Two clash at Morecambe on Saturday.

Burton boss Gary Rowett said: "He's had a huge effect. He's set three goals up in four games so far and scored one to win a game." Now Jackett is happy to let Ismail stay longer to learn his trade.

"He's made a big impact for them," said Jackett. "I'm looking for him to hold down a starting place at Burton from now to the end of the season - that's his challenge."

He's done very well in our youth team and under-21s, he added.

Glassboys do a double to bash Bashley side

Stourbridge 4 Bashley 1

AN improved second-half showing saw the Glassboys wrap up a league double over bottom of the table Bashley in difficult wet and windy conditions at the War Memorial Athletic Ground to climb back up to fifth in the league.

Both sides took time to settle and adjust to the strong wind howling across the ground.

Football
The home side forged ahead midway through the first period following a foul on Ben Billingham. Sean Geddes struck an angled low free-kick from just outside the box that found the far bottom corner of the net with Jones left rooted to the post, seemingly distracted by the run of Jordan Fitzpatrick in front of him.

A minute later the Glassboys might have doubled their advantage when Billingham played in Kayelden Brown, but his low shot was touched round by Jones at his near post. Instead Bashley stunned the home faithful by drawing level from the New Forest area of Hampshire were reduced to 10 men. Billingham got back up to take the resulting free-kick and his effort past the wall drew a fine, sharp save from Jones down to his right. Sub Jordan Murphy had come on in the meantime for his first senior appearance and he enjoyed a good fifteen minute cameo.

Scott Joyce charged down an attempted clearance from Kyle Haynes close to the edge of the box and he quickly fastened on to the rebound and kept his head to shoot low past Coleman.

Stourbridge lifted their game after the interval with better, crisper passing on the floor and in the 55th minute they regained the lead with Geddes slipping

Stourbridge go down after extra time in cup clash



Louis Harris sends a diving header just wide against Evesham in the Cup – full report inside

Worcs Senior Cup semi-final
Stourbridge 2 Evesham 1 AET

STOURBRIDGE lost their grip on the Worcestershire Senior Cup after three years as holders as they let slip a two-goal half-time advantage with Evesham completing a rousing fight-back to clinch victory after ex-

tra-time. Stourbridge grabbed the lead when Tom Berwick scored. Jordan Fitzpatrick doubled the lead.

Evesham showed more determination after the restart and Elliot Kennedy lofted a shot over the head of Dean Coleman and into the net.

The equaliser finally arrived in the

76th minute thanks to Jared Wilson.

In the first period of extra-time with Evesham won a penalty and Wilson successfully converted the resulting spot-kick to put the visitors ahead and seal the game for Evesham and deny the Glassboys a place in the final.



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Saxons keep up run with shutout

Stourbridge Saxons 14 Chester 0

A STRONG wind and soft surface put running rugby at a premium at Stourton Park on Saturday.

Excellent Saxons' defensive commitment and discipline were key to victory, but a dogged Chester proved difficult to break down.

Though they took a 14-0 lead into the interval the Saxons were denied several second half scoring opportunities in controversial circumstances.

The Saxons quickly worked an attacking platform when Pete White's neat chip enabled his pursuing team mates to bundle a defender into touch. Ben Hughes' lineout set up a driving maul that Chester were unable to repel, prop Mike Hill bagging his first try in Saxons' colours.

The visitors conceded penalties that were kicked into the 22, Robbie Hurrell's lineout catch set up another driving maul but this time Chester were able to hold it out.

For the Saxons the ball was worked into space where it found loose head Mark George who barged his way over from short range, Hearn again adding the extras. Early in the second half the Saxons caught their opponents unaware with a long Robinson cut-out pass that put Tom Jarvis through.

Saddlers in mourning

WALSALL are mourning the loss of former player Eddie Holding, who has died aged 83.

Holding made 41 appearances for the Saddlers in two spells during the early 1950s, scoring eight goals.

Joining the club as an amateur in 1947, Wolverhampton-born Holding turned professional in January 1949 and made his debut during the following season.

Establishing himself in the team during the 1951/52 campaign, he made 25 appearances, mainly in the right-back role.

Also able to play in attack when required, he scored a hat-trick against Brighton on Christmas Day 1953, during what was his second spell with the club having briefly moved to Derby County.

His next port of call was Barrow, who he joined in the summer of 1954.

Ring ready

Spencer eager to get back in battle

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Extra pain

Glassboys are put out of cup

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Defeat sends the Baggies into relegation zone

Crystal Palace 3 Albion 0

IF one day could sum up a whole year of mistakes at The Hawthorns it was Saturday, as a gradual fall from grace finally carried Albion into the Premier League's relegation zone and left the prospect of the drop looking more real than ever.

Because in just a couple of hours of horribly predictable action against a major rival, Baggies fans were reminded of virtually every shortcoming and error that they now worry will prevent them escaping the bottom three.

They watched two January signings inspire victory for Crystal Palace against an

Football

Albion team that was inexplicably weakened by a transfer window that was used to balance the books at the expense of the squad.

And even from elsewhere in the country they received cruel news as both Peter Odemwingie, Albion's best ever Premier League goalscorer and a man who has never been adequately replaced, and Shane Long, who was dispensed by contract prevarication over 12 months before being sold in January, netted for their new employers to

help win points for two of the Baggies' potential survival rivals.

It was a thoroughly chastening day in which even the stunning arrival on the Premier League scene of Albion's only January signing, Thierry Bifouma, could not hide the grim reality of what unfolded.

And it just had to be Tony Pulis – so often the scourge of 21st-century Albion teams – who was the man to deliver the most painful blow yet to their self-esteem.

There was an element of controversy to the latest defeat as Ben Foster was punished wrongly for a second-half challenge that handed Palace a match-sealing penalty

at a time when Albion were offering at least a glimmer of hope that they could rescue a point from another poor display.

It took just 27 minutes for the die to be cast as Palace's injection of new faces and the same old woeful Baggies defending saw the home side claim a 2-0 lead that would carry them to a crucial victory. And the scorer of the first goal, Thomas Ince, perhaps highlighted more than any other figure what the Eagles gained in January and the Baggies so obviously did not.

Indeed made them pay and so, 11 minutes later, did Joe Ledley to double the home side's lead.

Win aids team to keep run

Pedmore (127-3) beat Envile B (66-3) by 61 runs

PEDMORE continued their unbeaten run although the early loss of Dave Skelding posed a temporary question mark.

Dan Jones (25no) and Sam Perruza (29) took advantage of some friendly bowling and 'experimental' field placings that belied the accuracy and penetration of their bowlers.

On the retirements of Jones and Perruza the runfest continued with John Hurdman (23) and James Burgoyne (21) helping Pedmore to a challenging target.

Envile B fell quickly behind thanks to the more accurate Pedmore bowling, Dave Skelding taking 1-8 in his three overs. Envile B were second best on this occasion and may have to review some tactics.

Lye (102-5) beat Hagley (99-5) by 3 runs

A close encounter between these newcomers finished with Lye taking the cigar. Lye batting lost two early wickets but Imran Riaz (27no) got the innings moving and Aamir Manzor (25) struck the ball well taking Lye's score into three figures.

Bobsled athlete given bursary

A bobsledder from Wolverhampton is one of five sportive students to receive a Leeds Metropolitan University scholarship to honour one of athletics' best-known coaches.

Ryan Farrington, aged 24, of Willenhall who is also a sprinter studying for an MA in Osteopathy at Leeds Met, has been awarded the Wif Paish Athletics Scholarship.

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WIN STILL ELUDES BATTLES OF DK

Harrogate 38 DK 7

THE DK team travelled north to Harrogate with an air of enthusiasm, perhaps fuelled by the anticipation of a stopover in the night spots of Leeds.

This enthusiasm was quickly evident from the kick off and DK should have taken the lead within the first few minutes.

However, the hosts commenced the game with a slight wind advantage and were quickly penalised for a high tackle.

Gareth Bown drilled the ball deep into Harrogate territory and from the resulting line out, possession was secured and the ball fed to the backs.

Kieron Pinches made an excellent break and decided to go for the try line only to be brought down inches from the whitewash when the better option would have been to pass to a man overlap. The hosts managed to clear their lines.

Superior

As in previous games, the superior weight and strength of the opposition's forwards began to take its toll and in the 12th minute Harrogate won their own line out and mauled the ball for 20 metres for flanker Noel Minikin to touch down. Joe Rowntree added the extras.

DK started the second half exactly as they did the first, exerting pressure on the hosts only to be let down by some indifferent tackling. This was highlighted in the 45th minute when Harrogate's centre Luke Edwards took advantage of poor defence to score. Rowntree converted.

Although being out muscled in the set pieces, DK were refusing to lie down and in the 18th minute were rewarded with a penalty for Harrogate handling on the floor.

Gareth Bown's kick drove the hosts into their own 22, DK won their lineout and the ball was transferred along the three quarters

only for the final pass to go astray. Cruelly, the loose ball was gathered by the home side and they ran the length of the field for Sam Bottomley to score. Rowntree converting.

Following this Harrogate then mauled the ball for Aurin Yorke to touch down. Undeterred, DK came storming back and following some extreme pressure Harrogate's Sam Bottomley received a yellow card.

Gareth Bown found touch and DK won good line out ball and following a flowing movement along the backs Liam Marshall crashed over for a fine try. Gareth Bown converted. With half time approaching Stephen Parsons upped the score for Harrogate. Once again Rowntree added the extras.

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In the 69th minute and totally against the run of play they Danny Matthews got the final score.



John Tideswell in full flight for DK during their away match at Harrogate which they eventually lost even after putting up a good fight against their opponents

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